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Egyptian troops and supply trucks at El-Arish airport yesterday. (Lester J. Millman)

As handover process goes into top gear

No decision yet on future links between El-Arish and Israel

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Military Correspondent

EL-ARISH. — No clear understanding has been reached that the 5,000 inhabitants of El-Arish who currently work in Israel will be allowed to continue to do so after the town is handed back to Egypt on May 25. Neither are there any firm plans for continued commercial ties. This was stated yesterday to *The Jerusalem Post* by the recently appointed Egyptian governor of Northern Sinai, General Ahmed Shawkat, who visited here yesterday and who said that any decision on these matters would be taken by him only after the town had been formally handed back to him and the 2,000 Egyptian officials who, he said, have been assigned to run the town's affairs.

Shawkat, a former head of Egyptian military intelligence, who currently holds a cabinet post in the Egyptian government, arrived in El-Arish together with Hassan Ahmed Kamal, head of President Anwar Sadat's bureau, who toured El-Arish and Beersheba in order to make final arrangements for the meeting between Prime Minister Menahem Begin and President Sadat scheduled for May 27. Kamel arrived with a party of 28 Egyptians for a series of meetings with Israeli officials, including Eliahu Ben-Elissar, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, and Ephraim Poran, Begin's military secretary.

It was decided yesterday that Sadat would arrive in El-Arish in the evening of Saturday, May 26, spend the night in the town, and meet with Begin the following morning for the formal hand-over ceremony.

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is also due to attend the ceremony. After the hand-over, the two leaders are scheduled to fly to Beersheba, where Sadat will visit the municipality and deliver a lecture at Ben-Gurion University. Later in the day he and Begin will inaugurate the Cairo-Tel Aviv air link.

Also yesterday, an advance guard of 234 Egyptian soldiers arrived here to set up the airfield for Sadat's trip. They have, in fact, already taken effective control of the airfield, and together with Israeli technicians, will make it airworthy.

They arrived in 35 military vehicles, bringing a mobile radar installation with them. They will be confined to the airfield until the hand-over of the town, and have been limited to carrying a total of 10 weapons between them, with each weapon allowed no more than 100 rounds of ammunition. They may only leave the airfield with the prior permission of the Israelis, and accompanied by an escort officer.

In addition to the Kamel-Ben Elissar meetings yesterday, the joint Israeli-Egyptian commission also met and completed the handing over of all pertinent information regarding the return of area I — an area which will be roughly the size of the Gaza Strip, running from El-Arish to Hirbe along the Mediterranean coast.

This morning, according to chief Israeli delegate Tat-Aluf Dov Sion, work will start on marking the border and implementing the agreements reached in the two weeks of talks up to now. Yesterday, final agreement was reached on the operation of the joint Israeli-Egyptian road connecting El-Ariah to Bir Lahfan; on the running of the Israeli laundry at Neot Sinai, with the Israeli workers being allowed free access through an Egyptian road-block; and on procedures for

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Eitan, Egyptian counterpart hold talks in Cairo

CAIRO. — Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan began his three-day visit here yesterday with a one-hour meeting with his Egyptian counterpart, Major-General Ahmed Badawi, the Middle East News Agency reported.

Accompanied by O.C. Military Intelligence Aluf Yehoshua Saguy and their wives, Eitan flew from a military base near the centre of the country yesterday morning, while reporters waited in vain to see them off at Ben-Gurion Airport. Only one army photographer and one army magazine reporter accompanied the delegation.

Eitan's itinerary will be identical to that of Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, with whom the commander *was supposed to have* travelled three weeks ago. But Eitan's trip was delayed by the Nahariya terrorist attack. (Reuter, Itim)

Egyptians check arrangements

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's chief of bureau Hassan Kamel visited Beersheba yesterday and thanked Mayor Eliahu Nawi for arrangements being made in preparation for Sadat's visit to the city, scheduled for May 27.

It was the first visit by Egyptian officials to Beersheba since the city was taken by Israeli forces on October 20, 1948. A total of 10 Egyptians, some in military uniform, were brought to the city by Dr. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

Nawi waited over three hours for the Egyptians, who were delayed in El-Arish. The guests dined with O.C. Southern Command Dan Shomron, and then inspected municipal facilities, now being readied for Sadat's visit.

Saudis oppose any boost in oil prices

PARIS (Reuter). — Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Fahd said yesterday that his country was opposed to any increase in the price of oil.

"We do not want any increase in the price of oil because it would create a number of economic problems for Europe, Asia and Africa," he told reporters after talks with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

"Of course, this is a matter that concerns OPEC, (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), but the Saudi Arabian position is not to raise prices."

Prince Fahd was commenting on Iran's decision to increase the price of its crude oil by 80 cents a barrel on all existing contracts, a move expected to lead to another escalation of world petroleum prices.

Giscard has been pressing oil producers to stop increasing prices.

Saudi Arabia is France's main oil supplier, with 39 million tons delivered last year, 34.5 per cent of France's crude imports.

Sharon tells cabinet:

Israel 'has ways' to protect endangered Jewish minorities

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon said yesterday that Israel had ways and means, if it so wished, to deter regimes like the one in Iran from harming members of their local Jewish communities.

Speaking in the weekly cabinet session, which decided at his request to hold a discussion shortly on the plight of Iranian Jewry, Sharon said: "We can take various steps to show Jew-killers that their interests will suffer if they carry out judicial murders."

Sharon said that the head of Teheran Jewry, Habib Elghanian, was murdered by the regime last week solely because he was a Jew. He said that as long as Jewish lives were not at stake, Israel had no right and no cause to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries, even with regard to their policies towards the Jewish communities.

"But when Jewish lives are forfeit, that is no longer an internal matter," Sharon said. "We are responsible for the lives of all Jews wherever they may be. We ought to make this patently clear."

Sharon said that Israel need not have recourse to mediators in pleading for the welfare of Iranian Jews. It was able to act directly. (Related story, page 4)

Sharon's aide, Eli Landau, told *The Jerusalem Post* that some four months ago Sharon told Prime Minister Menahem Begin in a private conversation that Jewish lives in Iran were not safe. He said the minister also raised the issue in conversations with heads of some of the institutions involved in Iranian Jewish affairs.

Israel Radio reported yesterday that several other prominent members of the Teheran Jewish community have been arrested.

Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzin said in Washington yesterday that Israel is prepared "to take action" to protect the 65,000 Jews in Iran. He made the remark in an interview published yesterday in "The New York Times."

An unnamed aide to Dulzin told the newspaper that Israeli action against Iran might include operations — "both orthodox and unorthodox" — to help Iranian Jews get out of the country. But he did not elaborate.

"If the present government of Iran doesn't want the Jews, we are willing to take them."

A memorial service for Elghanian will be held at Jerusalem's Hechal Shlomo today at 5 p.m.

Among those attending will be President Yitzhak Navon, leading rabbis, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, Jewish Agency officials and other dignitaries.

It was also announced yesterday that the festive dedication of the new diamond exchange in Ramat Gan, which had been scheduled for June 12, will be postponed because of Elghanian's death. The Persian's family was the major force behind the centre's construction.

Economic master plan sees years of high inflation ahead

Ministers lukewarm to Ehrlich's programme

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Treasury circles were disappointed by the unenthusiastic reception given by his ministerial colleagues to Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich's five-year economic plan when it was discussed in the cabinet yesterday.

The plan, which embodies budgetary cuts in all areas of government activity, envisages continuing inflation while resources are diverted to finance the IDF's redeployment in the Negev, in the wake of the peace treaty with Egypt.

Ehrlich regards responsibility for the plan as falling collectively on all members of the cabinet, and was thus eager to get a clear government pronouncement on it. After yesterday's inconclusive debate, the finance minister said he had not yet thought about resigning if his plan is not accepted by the government.

And Treasury budget chief Eitan Berglas hinted yesterday that there would be no alternative to a third supplementary budget this year, because of the demands imposed by inflation running at 60 per cent instead of the 38 per cent originally anticipated.

The Ehrlich plan came under fiery attack in the cabinet meeting from Defence Minister Ezer Weizman whose ministry is threatened with a massive budgetary slash, and Construction Minister David Levy, who complained of intentions to hit at those who are least able to absorb economic cutbacks.

Levy told reporters outside the Prime Minister's Office after the meeting that it would be impossible to compensate later for damage caused now to people with minimal resources.

In the meeting, Weizman erupted in anger at the proposal to cut his ministry's allocation by IL1.5b. This cut would not affect the extra money the Defence Ministry is to receive for building in the Negev.

Weizman claimed that he was being expected to prepare his position on the proposed cuts within a few days, at a time when the chief of staff is out of the country. He had been told only the day before about the intention to make the cut, Weizman asserted. It was impossible to plan on the basis of a policy composed of continuing cutbacks, he complained. Weizman demanded that the cabinet discussion of the plan be postponed.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin came to Ehrlich's defence, asking him if parliamentary procedure permitted such a postponement. No, said Ehrlich, the Knesset Finance Committee has already begun deliberating the supplementary budget.

Weizman got up angrily and walked out of the meeting. The prime minister ruled that the debate would go on, and would be continued on Thursday.

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon said agriculture is built on planning, and it is not possible to make changes every so often in the planners' basic data without causing harm to the agricultural sector.



Ehrlich — A warning

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, a consistent critic of Ehrlich's policies, said the plan proposed nothing but continued inflation. Moda'i told the waiting reporters that much more vigorous steps should be taken to curb inflation.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz warned that cuts in his ministry's allocation would be "intolerable," no matter how small they might be.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg said he discerned positive aspects to the plan, but he needed to study it in more detail.

Presenting the plan to the cabinet, Ehrlich said its starting point was the redeployment in the Negev following the peace treaty and the withdrawal from Sinai, the need to keep the balance of payments from collapsing, and a modified, not drastic, continuation of the war on inflation.

Ehrlich promises that if the plan is adopted, inflation would drop to 40 per cent by 1981. Otherwise, he warned, it was likely to reach 80 per cent by that time.

The finance minister also said that the extent of Israel's dependence on the U.S. would depend on decisions taken by the government. He reminded his listeners that current U.S. aid is no longer enough to cover the state's annual repayments to creditors abroad. The redeployment in the Negev would require additional financing to the IL3b., part loan and part grant, given by the U.S.

Ehrlich also asked the government to approve a IL16.15b. supplement to the state budget this year, though IL21b. will be needed for building in the south in the current budget year. To make up the difference of some IL5.5b., Ehrlich said IL3.3b. would come from cuts in ministry allocations (which is what a solid body of ministers were complaining about after yesterday's meeting), and the rest from the reserves and more efficient tax collecting. Of the IL21b. for building in the Negev, the IL5.5b. will come in local currency, and the rest from American aid and Israel-owned foreign currency which will be spent abroad thus not speeding up inflation. The Defence Ministry will get IL5b. for redeployment costs, and the settlement budget will be boosted by half a billion lirot.

Autonomy talks to start on May 25

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Israel-Egypt negotiations on Palestinian autonomy will begin a week from Friday, on May 25, at Beersheba, Israel Radio reported last night.

The opening session will take place two days before the first stage of the peace treaty — the return of El-Arish — is formally enacted. El-Arish will be relinquished by Israel, in effect, on Friday the 25th.

Attending the opening session will be U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who will also take part in the ceremonies at El-Arish, and the meeting there on May 27 between Premier Menahem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

President Sadat will arrive in El-Arish aboard ex-King Farouk's royal yacht.

These arrangements, the radio said, were worked out yesterday between the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Eliahu Ben-Elissar, and Sadat's chief of bureau, Hassan Kamel, who visited El-Arish and Beersheba together yesterday.

The scheduling of the opening round of the autonomy talks before the formal return of El-Arish is apparently intended to underscore the Egyptians' anxiety to demonstrate that a solution to the Palestinian question is of primary importance to them.

Tit-for-tat industrial action leads to television blackout

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Broadcasting Authority management last night shut off Israel Television as a "protective" measure in retaliation for an earlier two and a half hour shutdown by technicians angered over a letter of reprimand sent to one of their colleagues.

The sudden flare up of labour action and counter-action has its roots in a Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day incident, when a technical supervisor closed down broadcasts before the late news because it was to start 20 seconds after midnight.

For many months the technician's works committee has been insisting that they will not broadcast "Almost Midnight" news if it begins after midnight.

Uri La'adan, the director of engineering at TV House, sent a letter of reprimand to the technical supervisor, stating that the sudden close-down of broadcasts had caused much damage. Coming to the aid of their colleague, the technicians' works committee demanded that TV director Arnon Zuckerman take back the offending letter, which management refused to do.

At 5:30 p.m. technicians shut down the Arabic programmes in protest over the refusal. And at 8 p.m., in a counter-measure, management shut down the Hebrew programmes.

It was still unclear at press time whether the dispute would continue, and how today's TV programmes might be affected.

Meanwhile, Broadcasting Authority management did not have to resort to a labour court, as they had threatened on Saturday night, to force radio technicians to work normally.

The technicians, demanding more pay for work on Shabbat, had refused to work normally, thus precipitating a close-down of broadcasts by managment from Friday afternoon through Saturday night on the First and Third Programmes.

Treasury shifts strategy in war against inflation

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

In a departure from traditional policy, Treasury planners yesterday placed the blame for the current inflation — which it admitted is now running at 60 per cent — not on wage increases, but on Treasury and government expenditure.

Prof. Assaf Razin, director of the Treasury's Economic Planning Authority which formulated the government's new five-year plan, noted that real wages rose by just 2 per cent in 1978, while productivity rose by 4 per cent. It would be pointless, therefore, to blame inflation on wage increases.

The new five-year plan proposes a number of changes in the current system of assessing cost-of-living increments. It proposes 100 per cent compensation for low wage earners (i.e., those earning up to the national average wage), while higher wage earners (those earning more than the average wage) would continue to be compensated at just 70 per cent. There would be no ceiling on the level of earnings eligible for cost-of-living increments.

The plan also proposes that the rate of linkage of income-tax brackets be increased, in order to decrease the tax burden on the public. At the same time, the plan proposes the gradual raising of the rate of Value Added Tax, to make up for the shortfall in revenues which would result from the revision of income tax brackets.

Another proposal is that all government budgets be frozen and no new civil servants be hired — except in the construction sector, in order not to worsen the already grave housing shortage.

The new plan proposes that subsidized credit to all sectors of the economy be made more expensive — another not so new proposal which has been made in the past but was never implemented. Credit for housing and development loans would be fully linked to the consumer price index.

Devaluation would continue under the plan, at only a slightly slower rate than the average rate of inflation so that the Israel Pound would increase its value in real terms. No attempt would be made to moderate the rate of devaluation in order to curb inflation. Devaluations would be intended, first and foremost, to assure export profitability. The Bank of Israel would only intervene in the foreign currency market to assure the devaluation of the lira.

Interest on directed dollar loans would be raised gradually, and would eventually reach 60 per cent of the bank interest rate on world markets.

The plan provides for a 2 per cent annual increase in per capita private consumption, with wages rising by between 2 and 3 per cent a year, depending on productivity. The Gross National Product would continue to increase at a rate of 5-6 per cent a year. The civilian component of the balance of trade deficit would increase over the five-year period by some $1.1b., while the national debt would rise from $12b. today to $21.6b. in 1983. There would be little change in the country's foreign currency reserves over the five-year period, and these would remain at about $2.250b. The unemployment rate would rise from 3.6 per cent at present to 4.9 per cent in 1983.

Histadrut head slams Ehrlich plan

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut will not agree that Israel become a paradise for capitalists, secretary-general Yeroham Meshel said yesterday, reacting to Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich's new five-year plan.

The labour federation is ready to cooperate in any constructive plan to curb inflation, he declared at a central committee meeting here. The plan should ensure social justice, a more egalitarian society and levying honest taxes, he explained. But unless the finance minister abandons his old economic policy, "I see no solution," to the problems, Meshel said.

Later yesterday, addressing a ceremony at which prizes were awarded to outstanding Histadrut employees, Meshel accused Ehrlich of presenting the five-year plan to divert attention from his present failures. He reported that on February 2, Ehrlich had written that inflation will this year be 10 per cent less than last year's 48.5 per cent. Instead inflation is 10 per cent higher, Meshel said.

"Nobody knows what it will be in five years," Meshel said. Ehrlich "must explain...to the people, to the workers, why he had promised in February that inflation this year will go down...and why he fails (to forecast) five years hence."

Neptune may explore for oil inside Israel

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Neptune Oil Company, the American firm drilling in the Gulf of Suez under contract to Israel, "is showing interest in possible explorations inside Israel," a source at the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure disclosed yesterday.

A group of officials from Superior Oil Company, Neptune's parent organization, arrived in Israel over the weekend and conferred with Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i in Jerusalem yesterday.

Among the matters discussed was the controversial "gesture" made to the Egyptians by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman during his recent visit to Cairo.

Without consulting with fellow cabinet member Moda'i (who was in Australia at the time), Weizman consented to an Egyptian request to station a monitoring ship off the coast of A-Tur, to conduct seismographic tests near the Alma offshore oil field. Neptune is presently extracting approximately 36,000 barrels of crude oil daily at Alma.

Moda'i, who has been negotiating the surrender of the Sinai oil fields with his Egyptian counterpart, was furious when he learned permission had been granted by Weizman. Prime Minister Menahem Begin reportedly has admitted to Moda'i that Weizman had acted hastily.

It is understood that Neptune will initiate legal proceedings against the Israel government if the Egyptians carry out exploratory work at the site. Neptune's contract with the government grants it the exclusive drilling concession until the field is returned to Egypt in October.

This morning, Israeli and Egyptian petroleum experts will meet in A-Tur for the second round of talks on the handing over of the oil fields, the sale of Israeli equipment at the sites, and the terms for Israel's purchase of the oil from the Egyptians.

Heading the Israeli delegation is Dr. Elazar Barak, managing director of Hanal, the Israel National Petroleum Company.

Lebanese Christian leader survives assassination attempt with injuries

BEIRUT (AP). — Lebanese Christian leader Amin Jemayel survived an attempt on his life yesterday, a Christian radio station reported.

The "Voice of Lebanon" radio station, operated by the Phalange Party, interrupted its programmes to announce that Jemayel "miraculously survived an assassination attempt."

Jemayel, the broadcast said, was "slightly injured during a grenade-throwing attack by unknown persons against his car" as he drove through the Christian province of Kesrouan, northeast of Beirut.

Jemayel, the older son of Phalangist leader Pierre Jemayel, is a member of parliament.

The broadcast said he was admitted to hospital for treatment for "shrapnel wounds." It did not elaborate.

The assassination attempt followed overnight clashes in Beirut between Phalangist militiamen and "Tigers" gunmen of the (Christian) National Liberal Party.

In Damascus yesterday, Syrian President Hafez Assad and PLO boss Yasser Arafat discussed the results of the recent Islamic conference in Morocco and the latest developments in Lebanon, official sources reported.

Parliamentarians form Israel-Europe ass'n

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Almost one-third of the members of the European Parliament at Strasbourg have formed an "Israel Friendship Association" and have issued a call for European economic help to "encourage" the Israel-Egypt peace process.

Initiated by two Dutch parliamentarians, Messrs. Portheine and Voogt, the 62-member friendship association includes MP's from nearly all the 21 member-delegations to the Parliament.

At its founding session, the friendship association published a statement welcoming the peace treaty and urging European states "to encourage the peace process by taking positive steps, primarily in the area of economics, and through the initiation of trilateral Egyptian-Israeli-European projects in the economic, social, technological and cultural spheres."

The association expressed the hope that Israeli and Egyptian MP's would participate in the next session of the European Parliament "in order to discuss the implementation of joint projects designed to advance normalization and cooperation in the Middle East in general and between Israel and Egypt in particular."

The news of the formation of the pro-Israel group at Strasbourg was warmly welcomed in Jerusalem, in view of the coolness that has characterized most political responses in Europe to the Israel-Egypt peace treaty. Israeli diplomats in several European countries had been "lobbying" to create a more sympathetic reaction from the European parliament.

Two Knesset members, Menahem Savidor of the Likud and Gad Ya'acobi of Labour, attended the Parliament session with observer status. Arab observers canvassed for a statement that would have decried the Israel-Egypt pact, but enlisted only seven signatories. Eventually, a watered-down statement was issued, above the signatures of 11 parliamentarians, stressing that the pact falls far short of a comprehensive settlement.

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CHICAGO	8	46	21	70	Clear
COPENHAGEN	7	45	14	57	Clear
FRANKFURT	7	45	20	68	Cloudy
GENEVA	12	56	29	68	Clear
HELSINKI	1	34	12	54	Sunny
HONG KONG	24	75	25	77	Overcast
JOHANNESBURG	1	34	14	57	Sunny
LISBON	16	61	31	88	Clear
LONDON	14	57	21	70	Clear
MADRID	9	48	30	86	Clear
MONTREAL	14	58	22	72	Showers
NEW YORK	14	57	14	58	Rain
OSLO	3	37	12	54	Cloudy
PARIS	17	62	29	68	Sunny
RIO DE JANEIRO	19	66	34	93	Sunny
SAO PAULO	17	63	27	81	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	10	50	14	58	Overcast
TOKYO	12	54	21	70	Clear
TORONTO	16	61	24	75	Sunny
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	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	44	18—25	24
Golan	51	13—24	24
Nahariya	50	20—26	24
Safad	46	16—21	21
Haifa Port	35	21—26	25
Tiberias	63	20—26	25
Nazareth	61	18—22	23
Afula	61	16—26	26
Shomron	42	17—25	24
Tel Aviv	59	20—24	24
B-G Airport	67	19—25	25
Jericho	34	24—30	30
Gaza	65	20—24	24
Beersheba	59	19—28	28
Eilat	20	27—34	33
Tiran Straits	29	27—36	34

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Yitzhak Navon on Friday received Dr. Arye Bauminger, who presented him with a copy of his new book "The Righteous Gentiles."

Yehoshua Ben-Zion, director of the Magnes Publishing House of the Hebrew University, will speak about "The Story of the Jewish Marranos of Afghanistan from 1839 to 1949" at the meeting of Rotary Jerusalem West, 7 p.m. tonight at the King David Hotel.

The Jerusalem Beit Knesset of the World Council of Synagogues, 4 Rehov Agron, will honour Rabbi David Bonder at a farewell reception tomorrow at 4 p.m.

"*Reflections on the problem of the* Negev Beduin" will be the topic of a lecture by Dr. Yitzhak Bailey, sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Albert Einstein Lodge for English-speaking men and women on Wednesday, May 16th at 8 p.m. at the Jerusalem B'nai B'rith Centre, 3-5 Rehov Keren Hayesod. Visitors are welcome.

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Leigh from Great Britain, for the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University.

The Israel Bonds New Leadership International Delegation, consisting of 104 active U.S. and Canadian leaders, for a ten-day visit to observe at first hand the challenges of building the peace process. Two full days will be spent in the Negev studying the implications of the civilian and military development and redeployment planned there. Leader of the delegation is James Kravitz of Philadelphia, member of the Prime Minister's Club.

DEPARTURES

Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir for Washington as a guest of the Israel lobby, and Canada on an Israel Bonds mission. The minister will be away for eight days.

Sam Rothberg, General Chairman, Israel Bonds, after attending meetings of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, and conferring with government leaders.

Hebron vines — a claim to the land?

Arabs allegedly uproot Peace Now's vineyard

By IAN BLACK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Peace Now delegation is scheduled to visit Hebron today to find out whether vines planted on the city's Mamre Hill on Friday have been uprooted by local Arab farmers.

Israel Radio reported yesterday that Arab farmers had uprooted the newly planted vines because they feared that Jews would claim ownership of the hill in the future.

The report quoted military government sources as saying that the Arabs had also complained that the Jews did not know how to plant vines properly. No confirmation of this report was available last night from the military government.

But one eyewitness told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that three of the five vines planted on Friday had been removed by the farmers whom he quoted as saying, "all Jews are the same."

Peace Now representatives planted vines on Ja'abari Hill on Friday morning, and on Mamre Hill in the afternoon, in symbolic protest against the cutting down of several hundred vines, allegedly by residents of Kiryat Arba.

Kiryat Arba residents were in high spirits last night, following the government's failure to discuss proposals for the forced evacuation of the group of women and children who have been occupying a Hadassah building in Hebron since April 26. Speculation was rife before yesterday's cabinet meeting that a decision would be taken to evacuate the demonstrators.

The Kiryat Arba women are in a building that had been used as a Hadassah clinic until 1929, when Arabs massacred Hebron's Jewish population. The clinic was never reopened by Hadassah.

Asher Wallfish adds:

A report that the IDF planned to swoop on the old Hadassah building in downtown Hebron yesterday and evacuate the women and children from Kiryat Arba by force, caused some agitation before the weekly cabinet session.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg is understood to have met Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon in the corridors of the Prime Minister's Office, and the two of them decided that "this shall not be."

They were worried by a report attributed to Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zippori, who reportedly said that the army would have to move the women forcibly, and without further ado. (The IDF is known to be concerned at the large number of soldiers tied down around the old building where the group is squatting, for the purpose of protecting the squatters as well as keeping a sharp eye on them.)

Burg and Sharon checked with cabinet secretary Aryeh Naor, who said that the issue was not on the cabinet's agenda.

However, it is likely to be aired on Thursday at a meeting of the cabinet security committee. Prime Minister Menahem Begin has made it known that he objects to the squatters remaining much longer.



The director-general of the Prime Minister's office, Eliyahu Ben-Elissar (centre), flanked by two top Egyptian officials, (left) the new governor of El-Arish, Ahmed Shawkat, and (right) the head of President Anwar Sadat's bureau, Hassan Ahmed Kamel, at El-Arish airfield yesterday. In the background is an Egyptian Hercules transport plane. (Lester J. Millman)

Last suspect arrested in bank robbery

By YORAM BAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A Pardes Katz resident was arrested at 5 p.m. yesterday by the central unit of the Tel Aviv police and will appear today in the Tel Aviv magistrates court, suspected of taking part in the IL8m. Bank Leumi robbery in Ramat Aviv 10 days ago.

Police believe that the suspect is the last of the four robbers who took part in the hold-up, which they described as the "most violent" ever to occur in Israel.

An atmosphere of relief filled police headquarters in Jerusalem and especially in the Tel Aviv central unit yesterday. A police officer told *The Jerusalem Post* that the arrest of the fourth suspect is one of the biggest successes the police have had in the last few years.

To make the arrest, detectives from the central unit broke into a flat on Arlosoroff Street, entering through the window. The apartment appeared to be empty, but on further inspection the suspect, who had been wounded in the arm and chest during the robbery, was found hiding in the cupboard. He did not resist arrest, and was immediately taken to the hospital where he received treatment for his wounds. Half an hour later, the police arrested a 22-year-old girl from Kfar Sava — the owner of the flat. Police said that she was the girlfriend of one of the suspects previously arrested.

The Post has learned that during the past 10 days, more than 150 known criminals were investigated in connection with the robbery. More than 100 flats all over Tel Aviv were searched. Chief police inspector Haim Tavori had ordered that no effort be spared in apprehending the robbers.

EL-ARISH — ISRAEL LINKS

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searching for the bodies of men still missing in action on both sides of the border.

Work which still remains to be completed over the next 12 days before the town is handed over to Shawkat includes the laying of communications links with Egypt, the return of the local airfield to operation, the transfer of local wells and installations to the Egyptians, and various municipal details.

Speaking to *The Post* yesterday afternoon, Governor Shawkat said that he personally was extremely satisfied with the way things were going and with the orderly manner in which installations were being handed over. He reiterated that no hard decisions regarding future cooperation between Israel and the town would be discussed until he had taken over and until he had time to see how things were going and what was needed. Focal points of concern, he said, were municipal development (which he indicated had been neglected these past 12 years) and maintaining full employment for the town's 35,000 inhabitants.

It had been understood up to now that agreement had been reached between Israel and Egypt that the 5,000 locals who work in Israel would be allowed to continue to do so, and also that goods from El-Arish, primarily fish, would continue to be marketed in Israel. Shawkat did not rule out the possibility that this could be the case in the future, but stressed that no decision had been made.

The meetings in El-Arish will continue today, and from now until noon, May 25, when the town is handed over, there will be continuous contact between Israeli and Egyptian officials.

Meanwhile the town continues to spruce itself for the return of the Egyptians, with more and more victory arches going up by the hour.

Smiling portraits of President Sadat are ubiquitous, as are crowds of young men screaming at the top of their voices that they will follow the peace-maker through fire and water.

For the first time yesterday Palestinian flags were seen flying near the central mosque where Sadat is due to pray twice during his stay, toegether with a banner which translates: "Today El-Arish, tomorrow Gaza." This was interpreted as a gesture to the 4,500 Palestinians who live in the town.

One strange meeting which took place yesterday which is perhaps an indication of things to come in terms of who will be running the town, was an emotional encounter between Governor Shawkat and Ax Adin Jabril, a local official who consistently refused to cooperate with the Israelis during the past 12 years of occupation, and who in the mid-1970s was jailed for cooperating with Egyptian intelligence. He was released a year later as part of a general pardon.

A likely candidate for the local mayoralty, Ismael Fuad Radwan, a former senior official in the local administration before the Israeli conquest, also came to call on Shawkat and was received warmly.

Yesterday, Kamel and his party arrived at the airport at 10:30 a.m., toured the town amid much ebullient slogan-chanting from the crowds, and then flew on to Beersheba. Kamel seemed particularly impressed by the development of the Negev's capital.

In an interview later in the day, he was full of praise for what the Israelis had achieved in the desert.

The Israeli party at yesterday's discussions with President Sadat's representative included, apart from Ben-Elissar and Poran, Foreign Ministry Chief of Protocol Rehavam Amir, head of the government press office Ze'ev Hefetz, and security men.

Also in El-Arish yesterday were 28 Egyptian journalists, including the editor of the influential "October" magazine, Anis Mansour.

Comptroller's report to go before cabinet

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The cabinet will devote a special meeting to discussing the State Comptroller's report, Prime Minister Menahem Begin proposed yesterday. He added that it would be the first time any cabinet had spent a session on one of the annual comptroller's reports.

This year's report, published last week, was particularly critical of the Treasury, the army, and government housing policy.

The prime minister asked Minister without Portfolio Moshe Nissim to prepare a survey of the focal points in the report and present it to the ministers.

The State Comptroller, Dr. I.M. Nebenzahl, will not attend the special cabinet session. The constitutional practice in Israel is to keep the Comptroller rigidly apart from the executive arm, whose functions it is his duty to supervise and criticize. (Nebenzahl and his aides appear regularly before the Knesset's State Control committee.)

The Treasury's comments and reactions to the Comptroller's report have been issued — as they are each year — in the form of a separate book. Nissim will be required to plough through that, as well as through the thousand-page Comptroller's report itself, in order to prepare his paper.

Nissim has not yet decided whether he will seek reactions from the army general staff and the Defence Ministry to the Comptroller's strictures before making his presentation to the cabinet. The prime minister has tentatively scheduled the special cabinet meeting for two weeks from now.

Suburb tells TA to bury elsewhere

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The year-and-a-half old battle against building a cemetery in Ramat Aviv Gimel has been renewed. The local residents' committee yesterday charged Mayor Shlomo Lahat with failing to cancel plans for the cemetery, made 10 years ago, despite his statements to the contrary.

Chairman of the residents' committee Yigal Shapira said the young couples who moved into Ramat Aviv Gimel apartments, erected five years ago, were not warned of plans to build a cemetery there. By the time they heard of the plan a year and a half ago, they had already built a school overlooking the area allotted for the cemetery, Shapira said.

Ramat Aviv Gimel, located just north of Ramat Aviv, is populated by over 1,200 young couples who bitterly resent having their children play next to a cemetery and having constant funeral processions drive through the neighbourhood. Residents' committee member Zion Ben-Shira said the apartment complex houses 14 war widows who do not need a constant reminder of their personal tragedy.

Youth Aliya changes drop-outs' minds

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An 18-year-old Russian immigrant whose mother had decided to settle in the U.S. has convinced her family to come on aliya after all, following a month-long tour of Israel organized by Youth Aliya.

Marina Kipnis, who was born in Kiev, will arrive here next week with her mother, a neurologist, and her brother. They will stay at the Hadera absorption centre. Only six weeks ago the family was determined to settle in America without even visiting Israel.

The change in destination was the result of a tour organized by the Jewish Agency for 27 children of Russian "dropouts." They had a heart-to-heart talk with President Yitzhak Navon, visited Nahal settlements and army bases, and met Israeli youngsters of their age.

At Beit Hanassi, Marina said that she wishes all their parents could have been taken on such a tour. "They would all decide to come on aliya if they saw Israel for themselves," she said.

Youth Aliya, encouraged by the success of the first organized tour, plans additional ones, with a special emphasis on the Jewish identity that the Russian youngsters lack.

Conflicting views over damages from paraplegic sit-in at Finance Ministry

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem post Reporter

The police and the Finance Ministry spokesman yesterday gave conflicting versions of damage caused to the ground floor of the ministry's headquarters by paraplegics who are occupying the building.

The ministry spokesman claimed that the paraplegics, who have been squatting in the building since last Monday, smashed furniture, typewriters, calculating machines and telephones, making ground floor offices "unusable."

But a police spokesman said the demonstrators had only splashed some water on office floors and upset a few rubbish bins in the passageways. The police have shied away from confronting or evicting the disabled demonstrators since their sit-in began.

The paraplegics want higher car and housing benefits, claiming that the high rate of inflation has bitten into the current agreement, which is in force until the end of this year.

They say they will continue their sit-in until their demands are met.

A ministry source told *The Jerusalem Post* that a decision to eject the demonstrators could only be taken at "the highest level."

Prime Minister Menahem Begin yesterday afternoon met with Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich, Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz about the paraplegics' demands. At the prime minister's initiative "it was agreed that Treasury and National Insurance Institute representatives would begin intensive talks with the paraplegics about their claims to bring the affair to a swift conclusion," a Begin aide told *The Post*. Talks between the sides are expected to resume this morning.

UNIFIL, militia in showdown over control of Tibnin

Jerusalem Post Staff and wires

METULLA. — A battle appears to be shaping up for control of the South Lebanese village of Tibnin, a Christian village under the control of the Irish contingent of UNIFIL (UN Interim Forces in Lebanon).

Travellers and drivers at the Good Fence yesterday reported that thousands of civilians have fled from Tibnin and other towns in the Irish-controlled area, according to sources close to Christian militia leader Major Sa'ad Haddad. At the same time, Phalangist radio in Beirut declared that Haddad had "threatened to bombard the village of Tibnin if it did not join his (self-proclaimed) 'free Lebanon.'"

According to sources close to Haddad, the civilians have also fled from Shakra, Barashit, Majdel Silm, and Kabriha. Most of them reportedly went north, to Sidon and Beirut, while others, Haddad's spokesman claimed, have crossed into the "free Lebanon" enclave towns of Marjayoun and Bint J'beil.

The report on Phalangist radio coincided with fresh shell duels between the Christian militiamen and Palestinian terrorists in the south-central hill town of Nabatiyeh, travellers from the south said, according to news agency reports from Beirut.

Tibnin, on a hill some 25km. southwest of Marjayoun, lies directly across from the militia-held town of Bint J'beil.

Meanwhile, other news agency reports said that Israeli gunners fired rocket and artillery shells into Southern Lebanese villages yesterday, quoting Palestinian terrorists and Lebanese newsmen.

The spokesman for Yasser Arafat's military command in Beirut was reported as saying that the intermittent barrage was mainly directed against the hamlet of Majdel Silm, seven km. west of the border.

Lebanese news reporters in the area, according to the reports, said that several Israeli shells were also lobbed into Nabatiyeh.

Delegations from towns and villages in the UNIFIL area met with Haddad yesterday to express their support and loyalty, the Christian sources reported. The delegations complained bitterly that UNIFIL was unable to control the area, and that instead of acting against the terrorists, UNIFIL is concentrating its efforts against the population, the sources claimed.

Army names liaison officer to Nahariya

NAHARIYA. — O.C. Northern Command Aluf Avigdor Ben-Gal last week appointed a military liaison officer to the city of Nahariya. Sources in the town said that he would soon be appointed military commander.

The officer's task will be to coordinate between the various military branches and town institutions.

The appointment follows the terrorist attack on the city two weeks ago. It came as a surprise and aroused opposition by the police.

The police force, including Border Patrol units, have been responsible up to now for the town's day to day security.

Meanwhile, guard duty along Nahariya's coastline is being carried out by a naval unit. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned that the Nahariya municipality has requested a status of "confrontation city" from the Finance Ministry. The reason given was that Nahariya has become a terrorist target, both by katyusha fire and by attacks on houses.

If the proposal is approved, city residents will pay less income tax and will receive state aid for construction of security rooms.

Defence Ministry may sell plant site

RAMAT HASHARON (Itim). — The Defence Ministry wants the site of its controversial Military Industries plant here released for sale, so that it can use the proceeds to transfer the plant to the Negev.

One person was killed and about 20 were hurt in an explosion at the plant last Thursday. It was the second such blast in three years.

Defence Ministry Director-General Yosef Ma'ayan yesterday discussed with Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon the possibility that the Israel Lands Authority might release the land. A potential site for the plant in the Negev has already been decided upon. The cost of transferring the plant, together with its personnel and their families, is estimated at about IL10b.

Nairobi mayor here on official visit

The mayor of Nairobi, Kenya, arrived in Israel last night on an official week-long visit. Mr. and Mrs. A. Ngumba will spend their first two days in Jerusalem, meeting with officials and visiting Yad Vashem, the Israel Museum and the Knesset.

They will visit Tiberias, Haifa, and Tel Aviv, before returning to Kenya on May 20.



The natural wonders of the Sinai coast: Topless sunbathing among the palm trees. (Gottfreund — IPPA)

Sde Dov airport fate under debate

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The controversy surrounding Sde Dov airport flared up again yesterday at a meeting between the Knesset Committee on the Environment and representatives of the Airports Authority, committee chairman MK Yosef Tamir told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Representatives of the authority insisted that Sde Dov airport must be expanded to absorb domestic flights and suggested moving the take-off and landing strip towards the sea, an act which would considerably lessen the noise and ecological hazards of the airport, Tamir said.

But Elisha Efrat, head of the Interior Ministry's planning division, said that the National Council for Planning and Building has specified in its master plan for Tel Aviv that Sde Dov operations must move to Ben-Gurion airport. Efrat also said that Sde Dov beach is destined to be a swimming beach, not an airport. The district town plan does not even recognize the existence of Sde Dov airport, Efrat said.

The representative of the Environmental Quality Authority, Nisim Moses, said that the expansion of Sde Dov would constitute a serious ecological problem.

Israel basketball team loses to U.S.

TEL AVIV. — Israel's national basketball team lost its opening game in the Intercontinental Cup against the U.S. College All-star team, 82 to 78, last night at Yad Eliahu Sports Stadium in Tel Aviv.

The Israelis played a determined game but could not match the height of the Americans underneath the baskets. Mickey Berkowitz returned to play for the Israeli team after a layoff of three weeks. He led the Israeli effort with 20 points.

The next game for the Israelis is tomorrow night in Haifa against the national team of Argentina.

Jerusalem bus bomber gets life sentence

LOD. — A military court here over the weekend sentenced Mutia Subhi Rashak of Jerusalem to life imprisonment for placing a bomb in a bus in the capital in February 1975. Two persons were killed and 48 injured in the blast.

Leonard confirmed for Mideast post

WASHINGTON. — The White House has confirmed that James Leonard, the number two U.S. official at the UN behind Ambassador Andrew Young, will become the chief deputy to Middle East special ambassador Robert Strauss.

Leonard will accompany Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to Israel and Egypt later this month. Strauss winds up his involvement as the special trade negotiator.

Police to track down their attackers

By YORAM BAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police now have the authority to make arrests for questioning, to patrol known underworld meeting spots, and to conduct massive interrogations of criminals. A document detailing these harsher procedures has been prepared by the projects department at National Police Headquarters here.

The document was prepared in response to increasing attacks on policemen from underworld figures and upsets some underworld notions of what is considered fair play on the part of the police.

The report decrees that in every case of attack, a special investigation unit will be appointed. Police will receive every means of detection, including funds to pay off informants. This will be the case even for damage to a policeman's property.

A senior police officer told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that if the underworld knows that the entire police force will track down a criminal who tried to injure a policeman, criminals will think twice before attacking the law. "I know what I'm talking about," the officer said. "The attempt on the life of Sgt. Rasar Maimon of Rishon Lezion was followed by immediate actions which proved effective," he said.

Asked why special measures had to be taken to protect policemen over ordinary citizens, the officer said: "The police are on the front lines of the battle against crime. If they are not protected, no citizen can sleep at night. We don't mean to take these attacks personally. We won't be insulted when a policeman is attacked. Our only purpose is to reach a situation in which police can act to protect the public without fear."

Ministry of Education and Culture
Public Council for Culture and the Arts
United States-Israel Education Fund

Writers' Seminar
at the University of Iowa in the U.S.A.

An international writers' seminar will take place at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, U.S.A., from September 1, 1979 to January 10, 1980. A place will be set aside at the seminar for an Israeli writer.
Writers interested in participating in the seminar are requested to submit their applications no later than May 31, 1979, to: United States-Israel Education Fund, 71 Rehov Hayarkon, P.O.B. 26160, Tel Aviv. Please note on the application envelope: "University of Iowa Writers' Seminar."

Please attach curriculum vitae, publications, etc. Applications must be submitted in English.

Applicants must be absolutely fluent in English.

On the thirtieth Anniversary of our beloved MOTHER'S death, whose remains have been reinterred in Israel, a Memorial Service and Tombstone unveiling will take place for

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(Poliak, Miller)

We will honour her memory on Friday, May 18, 1979 at 11 a.m. at the Savyon Cemetery.

Vera Levine and family
Riva Ismach and family

The New Synagogue of Netanya
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and extends deepest condolences to Max Weinstock, President and Founder.

Get involved in Negev plans, civil bodies told

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Civilian authorities affected by the Negev redeployment were warned to "pull finger" yesterday, or they are likely to find the whole project planned without their participation.

The chief architect of the IDF's construction bureau, Amram Salomon, told architects at the Technion that all the civil authorities involved had been asked for their comments on the planning process. But so far only the Nature Reserves Authority and the archaeologists have replied, even though all the bodies concerned are aware of the urgency of sticking to the timetable for redeployment.

The bureau has meanwhile gone ahead collecting information on future Negev land needs, settlements, agriculture, roads, and archaeological sites worth preserving.

Salomon revealed that plans to construct each army camp on the basis of a permanent, individual design have been abandoned because of the overheated building market and the short time available. The camps will now be built by prefabricated methods.

The planning for each region will be led by a civilian architect, who will be backed by advisers including psychologists, sociologists and meteorologists.

The design of the new camps will take into account the "plague of vandalism" which, Salomon said, characterizes the Israeli soldier. But it would take "education from childhood up" to solve the problem, he said.

Salomon conceded that the standard of building maintenance in army camps is extremely low, explaining that expert craftsmen are unwilling to travel to camps situated in outlying areas.



Gadna, Israel's para-military youth organization, is celebrating its 39th anniversary this week. In addition to teaching youngsters to participate in neighbourhood security exercises and preparing them for military service, Gadna helps underprivileged youth. Gadna week will be celebrated by a ceremonial assembly, during which awards will be given and interviews held with Gadna veterans.

Lag Ba'Omer begins tonight

Wedding bells to ring 200 times

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

While over 120,000 Jews roast sheep and dance around bonfires on Mt. Meron to celebrate Lag Ba'Omer tonight, 200 couples will take advantage of the one-day break in the seven-week mourning period between Pessah and Shavuot and get married.

The semi-holiday marking the end of the plague suffered by Rabbi Akiva's disciples during the Roman revolt is also the accepted date for the death of Rabbi Shimon Bar-Yohai, who was, according to some legends, the author of the Kabbalistic work "Zohar." Haircuts, the donning of new clothes and weddings are permitted because the injuctions of mourning are lifted for the day.

Marriage registrars report that the 200 scheduled weddings indicate the continuing drop in marriages over the past few years.

Tens of thousands of celebrants have already set up camp on Mt. Meron near Safad where the mystic rabbi was buried. The Ministry for Religious Affairs claims that it is ready for them, having spent IL2.5m. for developing infrastructure. A new road has been cleared for easier access, and more parking lots and camping sites have been provided.

Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhatzeira will take part in the traditional opening of ceremonies at the Abu home in Safad in which a Tora scroll will be carried -- for the 146th time — to Meron. At 7 p.m. today, the traditional mass torch-lighting ceremony will take place on top of the mountain.

The Education Ministry has announced that kindergartens and elementary schools will be closed tomorrow. However, intermediate and high schools that were struck last November through December will not take off Lag Ba'Omer to help make up for the days lost during the teachers' strike.

The Jerusalem Municipality's central bonfire will be set alight at 8 p.m. tonight in the Vale of Rehavia at the foot of the Israel Museum. Organized by the city with the help from the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Commerce and the Scouts Association of Jerusalem, the event will include entertainment and free snacks. Thousands of scouts will light smaller bonfires on the site.

Outings have been arranged for hundreds of oldsters who are members of the municipality's old-age clubs. They will then meet at Ein Hemed for a mass picnic. One hundred youngsters from the Nahlaot and Mizkeret Moshe quarters of the city have been chosen for a trip to Safari Park in Ramat Gan. Bonfires will dot the landscape in most of the city's quarters and around the country.

The municipality urges children not to prune trees in order to assemble firewood. Only scattered, dead branches should be used so as not to damage the city's greenery.

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Lotto Draw 20/79
Minimum First Prize fund
IL3,000,000*

TODAY is the last day for handing in Lotto entries.
The draw will be on Tuesday, May 15 at 12 noon. The public is invited.

* Subject to reservation. Maximum first prize on any one entry: IL2m.

Turkey aborts plot to kidnap Israel consul

ISTANBUL (UPI). — Turkish police yesterday revealed that they had uncovered a plot to kidnap the U.S. and Israeli consuls in Istanbul by an ultra-leftist group that claimed responsibility for killing an American serviceman two days ago.

The police said that they learned of plans to kidnap Robert B. Houghton, the American consul-general in Istanbul, and Israeli consul Beri Zerubavel, after a pre-dawn shootout on Saturday in which two leaders of the Turkish People's Liberation Front were killed in a hail of automatic gunfire and two others were injured.

Police said that the injured, one of them a woman, were undergoing intensive interrogation by Turkey's "MIT" anti-terrorist police unit.

The Turkish People's Liberation Front, reputedly Turkey's largest and best equipped terrorist organization, is said to maintain close ties with a number of Palestinian groups.

Both the U.S. and Israeli consular offices declined to comment.

Bill would allow gov't to raise linked bond prices towards end of each month

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

The government will be able to sell its debentures by public tender and at prices higher than the issue price, in terms of a bill that has been passed by the cabinet and comes up for Knesset approval today.

The new system, if approved, will not go into effect in the coming two months, the capital market commissioner at the Treasury, Ben-Ami Zuckerman, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The bill proposes that government issues should be open to any use, and not confined to development, as has been the case up to now. The new law would enable the finance minister to set a higher price for government debentures than the issue price, or to sell an entire series by public tender.

The government would be empowered to issue IL50b. worth of debentures at a time. Additional amounts would require approval only by the Knesset Finance Committee, but not the plenum.

The need for the new law arose because investors, especially the banks, were buying large amounts of the linked debentures on the last day of each month, thus enjoying the linkage differential between one month and the next at its widest margin. In the current conditions of rapid inflation, considerable profits were being made in this way.

The new bill would make it possible to raise the prices of debentures towards the end of the month. At present they are sold at issue price throughout the month, and are linked to the consumer price index of the month in which they are sold.

'Distorted picture of Israel in USSR'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A major cause of the high number of Russian Jews who choose not to come to Israel once they have managed to get out of the USSR is the distorted picture they have received of Israel, three former Prisoners of Zion told the Labour Party Bureau yesterday. The three arrived here two weeks ago.

Arye Khnokh said that on his way from the USSR to Vienna he spoke with many would-be drop-outs and discovered "a total and absolute ignorance about Israel. All that people know about the country comes from virulent Soviet propaganda."

Ze'ev Zalmanson asserted that Israel must somehow see to it that correct information about Israel reaches the USSR to counteract "Soviet lies. We must not ignore Soviet propaganda. The lies may be fantastic but slowly a message does seep in and people regard Israel as a land of unemployment and hardship."

Mark Dymshitz, one of the leaders of the 1970 plot to steal a Soviet plane with which to escape from the USSR, told the Labourites that "even a party in the opposition can do much, especially by continuing information campaigns among Labour unions and Communist parties in the West. The Soviet Union is now in the throes of severe economic problems and is highly sensitive to western opinions," he said.

Herzliya pupils demand new school

By ALAN ELSNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Hundreds of pupils from the Municipal High School here, supported by parents and teachers, yesterday demonstrated outside the municipality building to protest "intolerable conditions" in their school. As well as waving banners and chanting slogans, demonstrators flung eggs and tomatoes, hitting municipal workers leaning too far out of their windows. The demonstrators eventually dispersed.

Rivka Krollgrad, chairman of the teachers' committee, said that conditions inside the school were "totally unbearable. The roof leaks, many classrooms have neither windows nor doors, electricity terminals are left exposed, the toilets are insanitary, there is no cleaning staff. In short, the school can no longer fulfil its function." She also complained that the laboratory equipment is obsolete, the staff room can only accommodate a third of the teaching staff at any one time and the school library has seating space for only 50 pupils, out of a total of 1,300.

In a press conference before the demonstration, representatives of the parents committee, the teachers committee and the students council said that they would close the school entirely if the mayor of Herzliya, Yosef Nevo, did not appoint an official immediately "to rehabilitate the school and make it fit for learning." They also demanded that construction start immediately on another high school to serve the Herzliya area.

The representatives also alleged that the school does not receive all the money budgeted for it by the Ministry of Education.

A municipal spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that the situation in the school was "very grave" and that the municipality realizes the need to do something about it.

"We have been begging the ministry to approve the erection of a new school for years," he said. "A few months ago, they did, but planning work has been halted since the government decided on a building freeze."

The spokesman denied that the municipality was preventing money from the ministry from reaching the school.

Na'amat art auction nets IL120,000

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Envelopes with Chagall window postage stamps autographed by the artist, a painting by Yosel Bergner and a Yigael Tomarkin sculpture were among the objects sold at an auction on Saturday night to benefit Na'amat-sponsored day-care centres.

A total of IL120,000 was raised for the centres, which are in financial straits due to cuts in state support.

No synagogue on playground — yet

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Mayor Yosef Nevo has ordered that construction work on the De Shalit synagogue, in Rehov Hakidma in Herzliya Pituah, be postponed.

The site of the proposed synagogue includes part of the playground of the adjoining Dekel kindergarten. Mothers whose children attend the kindergarten had objected to the building of the synagogue and said they would blockade the site this morning and prevent bulldozers entering it.

Trucks—unsafe at any speed?

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Findings at spot checks of truck roadworthiness on Israel's roads "could make your hair stand on end," the Transport Ministry's information officer, Yehiel Amitai, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Describing a random stop-and-test programme conducted by ministry personnel two days last week, Amitai disclosed: "On the first day, our inspectors flagged down 30 trucks and fuel tankers. Out of these, 28 were immediately ordered off the road because of deficient braking ability, cracked chassis, faulty springs, threadbare tires, worn steering systems, or noxious exhaust emission."

When an off-the-road order is issued, Amitai explained, the vehicle's permit is taken from the driver and he is permitted to proceed only to the nearest garage for repairs. The permit is returned to the operator at the Licensing Bureau, but only after a post-servicing test is completed by ministry safety examiners.

"Of the 28 vehicles ordered off the road," Amitai added, "two — both of them fuel tankers — were in such a dangerous state that their drivers were not even allowed to proceed to the nearest garage. The air brake vacuum lines were open, so we had to call tow trucks to pull them to the garages," he said.

On the second day of the spot checking programme — in the Jerusalem region — 30 vehicles were stopped and 23 were issued off-the-road directives.

"The situation is very bad indeed," Amitai asserted. "We shall continue these unannounced inspections. It seems that many business firms operating buses, PC cars, or trucks, or both, may be violating the law that requires the hiring of a motor vehicle safety maintenance official by any organization with 20 or more vehicles on the road."

Campaign under way to locate Swedish diplomat arrested by Soviets in 1945

By HYAM CORNEY
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LONDON. — A Swedish woman called upon the Soviet Union on Saturday to reopen the case of her diplomat-brother, Raoul Wallenberg, who has been missing since he was arrested by the Russians in Budapest 35 years ago.

Wallenberg saved some 30,000 Jews during World War II and was reported by the Soviet authorities to have died in a Moscow prison in 1947 after his arrest in January 1945 on espionage charges.

Nina Lagergren told a press conference here that the arrest was a "cruel mistake" in the belief that her brother was a spy. "In any case, he was never officially accused of anything illegal," she said.

Lagergren said the Soviet Union had informed the Swedish government in 1957 — and as recently as last January — that Wallenberg died of heart failure in Moscow's Lubyanka Prison on July 17, 1947.

"But a considerable number of ex-prisoners coming back from the Soviet Union told my family and the Swedish government that they had either met Raoul Wallenberg after July 17, 1947, in various prisons in the Soviet Union or received information of his having been in such prisons after that date," she said.

She said that she and her family were very grateful for "the understanding and compassion shown by many people throughout the world. We take it as a sign that this matter cannot be laid to rest before all those concerned have done what they can to find the truth."

Speaking in the presence of representatives from the Swedish Embassy in London, whose government is backing her campaign, she added: "Raoul's arrest was a cruel mistake. Some of the Russian authorities at the time, though they never said so themselves, suspected him of some kind of espionage in Budapest. This was pure nonsense."

Wallenberg's case is now being taken up by a group of British members of Parliament headed by Greville Janner and Winston Churchill. Janner, who served as a war crimes investigator and is today a champion of human rights causes (and in particular Soviet Jewry) described Wallenberg as "a tremendously courageous man." No one, he said, "had ever believed the Russian story about his death.

"His family, the Swedish nation, and all who care for human rights are entitled to full information," Janner said. Janner and Churchill will be sponsoring a House of Commons motion calling on the Soviet authorities to release Wallenberg or evidence proving his death. At least 100 MPs from all parties are expected to sign within the first few days.

If Wallenberg is still alive, he would be 67. His mother, who was 88, and his step-father, 94, died only a few months ago.

Arabs close airspace to Egypt

TUNIS (AP). — In a fresh reprisal act against Egypt for signing peace with Israel, the Arab Aviation Council has decided to close Arab airspace to Egyptair, Egypt's national airline.

In a decision taken three days ago at a special meeting, the council also decided to suspend Arab airline flights to Egypt, a communique said.

The council decided to transfer its permanent headquarters from Cairo to Morocco, the communique added.

Egypt and Israel have agreed to discuss opening direct air links, when President Anwar Sadat and Premier Menahem Begin meet in El-Arish on May 26.

The Kuwaiti government on Saturday maintained its official silence on the future of the massive Kuwaiti deposits in Egyptian banks, but at least one newspaper said that the authorities had made no moves to retrieve the money.

PRIZES. — This year's Shazar prizes for Jewish education abroad will be awarded to the Shalom kindergarten in Strassburg, the Ariel school in Montevideo and the Shneour Zalman Schechter religious college in Canada. The awards will open the celebrations of Jerusalem Day at Beit Hanassi later this month.

Kuwaitis silent on $1b. in Egypt

KUWAIT (UPI). — The Kuwaiti government yesterday maintained its official silence on the future of the massive Kuwaiti deposits in Egyptian banks, but at least one newspaper said that the authorities had made no moves to retrieve the money.

"The Washington Post" on Friday said that Kuwait had stepped up its opposition to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty by demanding that Egypt return about $1b. of Kuwaiti deposits in Egyptian banks.

The newspaper "Al Anba," quoting a "top Kuwaiti source," said that the government had made no such request. Another newspaper, "Al Rai Al Aam," said "Kuwaiti authorities had no comment on the report."

No action taken in Technion break-in

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Police investigators turned their files in the Technion break-in case over to the district attorney here 10 days ago, with a recommendation that four suspects be prosecuted, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

But no action has yet been taken against lawyer Rafael Nevat and private detectives Karl Singer, Yedidya Ben-Tov and Meir Naveh. Nevat, who represents the contractor of the scandal-ridden Beit Halochem centre for disabled soldiers, was alleged to have hired the other three to lift personal files from the office of David Yannai, the project's architect, whose complaints led to revelations of building irregularities in the project.

France will replace bombed Iraq reactor

PARIS (JTA). — France will supply Iraq with a nuclear reactor to replace one destroyed by a bomb blast in the south of France last month where it was waiting to be shipped to Iraq. But the new reactor, French sources said, uses a grade of uranium that can not be used to build nuclear weapons.

The original reactor, which would have used weapons-grade uranium, was destroyed on "orders from a highly placed French personality" according to a "New York Times" report that the French have denied. The new plant, said to be worth approximately $1b., will be partially paid for by Iraq oil supplies.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. — A police sergeant saved the life of a 16-year-old boy who tried to hang himself in a Holon police station cell on Friday night. The boy, who was arrested on suspicion of car theft and had shredded a blanket to make cord for the noose, was taken to hospital for treatment.

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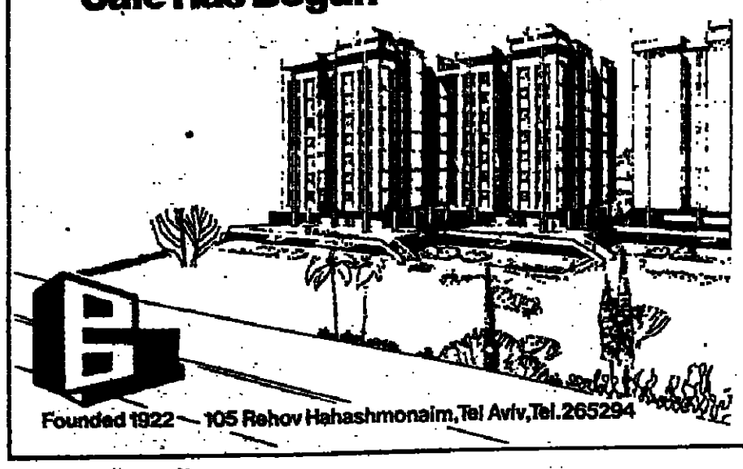
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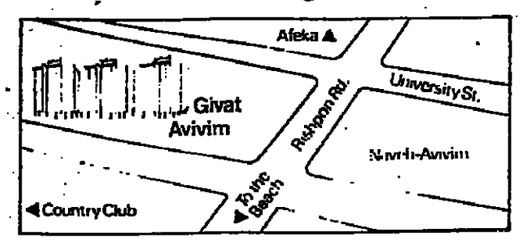
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Killers of shah or aides absolved in advance by head of Iran court

TEHERAN (UPI). — The chief of Iran's central revolutionary court yesterday said that anyone who kills Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi or his close relatives and aides abroad would be fulfilling the orders of his court.

Sheikh Sadegh Khalkhali, a genial looking Sh'ia priest with a closely cropped black beard, appeared before foreign newsmen for the first time since the February revolution to denounce what he termed "indecent propaganda" against the trials of the shah's former officials and generals. An estimated 200 of them have been executed so far.

Khalkhali alleged that former prime minister Amir Abbas Hoveyda, executed recently, offered his captors a bribe of $1m. to delay his conviction for two months. Jewish community leader and businessman Habib Elghanian offered $7im. for a similar purpose, he said.

Elghanian was executed along with 30 other men last week on charges of spying for Israel.

But Iran's most prominent moderate religious leader, Ayatollah Syed Kazem Shariatmadari, in an interview urged the courts to follow international practices, adding that the country was gripped by "violence and fear."

The priests spoke out as the biggest revolutionary trial so far, involving 114 army, police and secret police officials — and including a woman for the first time — entered it's second day in Kerman, south Iran.

Sheikh Khalkhali read out a list at his news conference of persons who, he said, were "sentenced to death by the Iranian nation." The list included the shah, his wife Empress Farah, his brother Gholam Reza, mother-in-law Farideh Diba, former ambassador to Washington Ardeshir Zahedi, and three former premiers, Shahpour Bakhtiar, Gen. Gholam Reza Azhari and Jaafar Sharif-Emami.

"Anyone who kills any of those cannot be arrested by a foreign government as a terrorist since he will be carrying out the orders of Iran's Islamic revolutionary court," Khalkhali said.

The 59-year-old shah, his wife and children are currently living on Paradise Island, in the Caribbean.

Khalkhali refused to say whether the shah and the others had actually been condemned in a secret trial *in absentia*. Plans to hold such a trial were announced in February but nothing further was reported subsequently.

A large part of the news conference was devoted to Khalkhali's defence of the Islamic courts.

He lashed out at "Western notions of judicial process" which provided for defence lawyers and protracted proceedings.

As an example, he said, the American judicial system so far had failed to trace the assassins of former President John Kennedy. The system was designed "so as to give the real criminals the chance to escape."

Ayatollah Shariatmadari however, in a newspaper interview published yesterday, said the country was gripped by "violence and fear" and urged the revolutionary courts to follow international judicial practices.

"The trials must be on the basis of Islamic law or international judicial practices," he said. "No Islamic law permits any group to use violence or tyranny."

Shariatmadari said a proposed government amnesty for former officials of the shah had no meaning, since men who had merely held responsible positions in the past regime had not committed any crime.

Holding a position is not a crime, he said. "If that is a crime then we must arrest half the population of this country."

The religious leader said there should be a clear distinction between those who had participated in killings and those who had not.

Meanwhile the official Pars News Agency reported that Ali Ghola Ardalan, the last minister of the shah's Imperial Court, was released from imprisonment yesterday by the revolutionary authorities. He was believed to be the most senior official of the old regime to be arrested and then freed since the revolution.

Ardalan, 78, was arrested by revolutionary militiamen shortly after the downfall of the shah's regime. Neither Pars nor the state radio gave any reason for the decision to set him free.



ROME. — Anti-guerrilla policeman in full gear stands at corner of a downtown street here. He is one of the anti-querrilla police force patrolling the historic centre of Rome after ultra-left groups started gathering there despite a ban on a demonstration they wanted to stage to commemorate the second anniversary of the death of a fellow militant killed in political rioting. (AP)

Krakow Catholics parade for saint, backed by Pope

KRAKOW (AP). — Thousands of Roman Catholics marched through the streets of Krakow yesterday to honour one of their most politically symbolic saints, St. Stanislav, executed by King Boleslav 900 years ago.

Archbishop Franciszek Macharski told an open-air audience of 10,000 in a Communist country whose population is 80 per cent Catholic:

"All human institutions pass, all human ideologies pass."

Tens of thousands, in bright and colourful folk costumes, took part in the process, carrying banners and shoulder-borne replicas of saints, passing by buildings whose residents had decorated their windows with private shrines and religious pictures.

In Rome yesterday, Pope John Paul II called on his countrymen in Poland to resist the forces of atheism as the nation's patron saint had done 900 years ago. The appeal came as the Pope celebrated the anniversary in tiny St. Stanislav church in central Rome.

ERUPTION. — Students in Fukuoka, Japan trying to simulate a volcanic eruption caused an explosion which injured 17, nine seriously, police said yesterday. The experiment was conducted at a high school.

Rhodesia admits facing rising guerrilla threat

SALISBURY (UPI). — Admitting that current moves to transfer power to Bishop Abel Muzorewa are not solving the country's problems, Defence Minister Hilary Squires said yesterday that there are now more black guerrillas in Rhodesia than ever before and they pose a "great potential danger."

The grim warning came one day after the two wings of the Patriotic Front Guerrilla Alliance announced in Ethiopia that they have adopted a joint constitution and set up a joint operations command despite nearly 20 years of often bitter rivalry.

Muzorewa dismissed the pact between front co-leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe as "nothing new....I don't think you should take that seriously."

The United Methodist bishop-politician, who won Rhodesia's first majority rule election last month and is to form the country's first black-led government shortly, spoke yesterday at the close of a two-day congress of his United African National Council.

The majority of the 800 congress delegates voted on Saturday to expel party first vice-president James Chikerema, who then stormed out and pulled a gun on party youths seeking to drag him back in. Chikerema refused to apologise for accusing Muzorewa of being a nepotistic dictator and saying that the party was run by a "tribal mafia."

UANC sources said that Prime Minister Ian Smith had advised Muzorewa to hold on to Chikerema and avoid a split in the UANC.

White officials admit that they fear that the multitude of feuds among blacks affiliated with the "internal" majority rule agreement stands to strengthen the Patriotic Front and give the West a pretext to withhold diplomatic recognition and a lifting of sanctions.

Libya forces Egyptian off UN c'tee

MANILA (Reuter). — A row between Arab delegates at the Conference on Trade and Development was resolved yesterday by the withdrawal of an Egyptian negotiator, conference sources said.

Samir Mukhtar, was elected on Tuesday to represent the African group, to which Egypt belongs on the committee on the transfer of technology from developed to developing nations. The committee is one of several seeking solutions to world trade and economic problems.

His nomination was opposed by Libya in line with agreed Arab policy to isolate Egypt.

The Libyan delegation eventually agreed to the nomination after it was argued that Mukhtar's expertise on the subject made him the natural choice.

But the issue was revived after press reports of his selection embarrassed the Libyans, according to conference sources. He eventually agreed to withdraw, and Tanzanian delegate Wilbert Chagula will now represent the African group, the sources said.

Gag bill reports ire South African press

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter). — Widely reported plans for an official curb on news coverage of administrative corruption threaten a fresh confrontation between the South African government and the press.

According to widespread newspaper reports — still not officially confirmed — the government this week will introduce a bill long-threatened by Prime Minister Pieter Botha to curb what he calls "rumour-mongering."

Botha warned last year during a debate on misuse of funds by the now-disbanded Department of Information, that he had such a bill in mind. Liberal newspapers did much to expose the scandal.

Opposition leader Colin Eglin told reporters that his Progressive Federal Party would mount a total compaign against the bill. "This measure strikes at the very roots of our parliamentary system of government," he said.

Afrikaans-language newspapers were the first to report that the bill would be published. But despite their normal closeness to the ruling National Party, at least two have declared opposition to such a move.

They said that according to the bill, allegations of corruption and maladministration in government could not be published by the press without approval from a parliamentary select committee. It would consider the allegations after they had been investigated by an advocate-general — a new post to be set up in the bill.

Under the headline "Think again," the influential Afrikaans Sunday paper "Rapport" said the ruling party would inevitably dominate a select committee. "Mistrust can be aroused by such a situation," it said. "The proposed measure is incontrovertibly a drastic reduction of an already reduced press freedom and therefore also a reduction of the freedom of the individual."

The Johannesburg "Sunday Express," one of the liberal English-language papers which led the fight to expose the information scandal said that if such a law had been in existence a year ago Connie Mulder, the cabinet minister disgraced in the scandal, would by now have been John Vorster's successor as premier, while the department's "dubious projects" would have multiplied at a great rate and cost.

'Pravda' sees military-industrial plot in U.S. to torpedo SALT-2

MOSCOW (AP). — U.S. military-industrial circles opposed to the new SALT-2 treaty are now undertaking a "hysterical" campaign in a last-ditch effort to scuttle the Strategic Arms Limitation Pact, "Pravda" charged yesterday.

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper warned that "politicians in the U.S. who raise obstacles to the SALT-2 agreement assume grave responsibility to their own people" as well as the rest of the world.

A commentary appearing in "Pravda's" authoritative international review again hinted at strong Kremlin worries over U.S. Senate ratification of the treaty after the accord is signed at next month's Vienna summit.

The "Pravda" commentary noted that "our countries are now at a crucial stage when decisions are to be taken which will give ground to look into the future with greater optimism."

However, commentator Vitaly Korionov wrote, "circles which reflect the mercenary interests of the (U.S.) military-industrial complex are clinging to any opportunity to thwart Soviet-American cooperation."

If SALT-2 goes into effect, "Pravda" said, "some of the military orders which promise superprofits of billions of dollars threaten to slip out of the hands of the bosses of the military-industrial complex."

Border battle precedes UN chief's visit to Thai camp

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand (AP). — Vietnamese artillery and mortar shells landed inside Thailand south of this border town, across from the scene of fighting inside Cambodia, a few hours prior to the arrival of UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim in Bangkok yesterday.

Reporters at the scene said that heavy exchanges of gunfire between the remnants of forces of deposed Cambodian premier Pol Pot and the Vietnamese-led troops of the new Phnom Penh government were heard throughout Saturday night and into yesterday morning, but there was no sound of fighting during Waldheim's two-hour visit in the afternoon.

Thai authrorities said that several artillery and mortar shells landed inside Thai territory at three different points south of Aranyaprathet, damaging several houses along the border, in what authorities believed was part of a major drive against the Pol Pot side along the Thai frontier.

While Waldheim was inspecting two refugee camps for a first-hand look at the refugee situation, Thai authorities were trying to prevent about 500 Cambodians from entering Thailand at three different points near Aranyaprathet.

Waldheim did not talk with the refugees personally during his 30-minute visit to the camp, but was briefed by Thai officials and a member of the International Rescue Committee, John. J. Naponick.

Waldheim later assured the refugees that the UN would make "every effort" to help them to find homes in other countries.

Aranyaprathet district officer Amorn Anantachai later told Waldheim that the 7,200 refugees at the Aranyaprathet camp were those that the Thai government had classified as "refugees" and the UN should accept them for resettlement as soon as possible. But those that have entered Thailand since Pol Pot was toppled on January 7 were classified as "escapees," to be handled by the Thai government.

Officials of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Bangkok recently have criticized the Thai government for pushing back tens of thousands of Cambodians from the Pol Pot side who in past weeks have sought refuge along the Thai border to escape Vietnamese attacks.

Seoul linked to kidnapping

TOKYO (UPI). — Secret U.S. State Department papers offer evidence that the (South) Korea Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA) was responsible for the 1973 abduction of South Korean opposition leader Kim Dae Jung, Japanese newspapers reported yesterday.

The newspapers carried a Washington dispatch by Kyodo News Service saying it obtained confidential documents linking a South Korean embassy official in Tokyo, who was concurrently a KCIA member, with the kidnapping of Kim from a Tokyo hotel to Seoul.

The documents, filed shortly after the incident, show that South Korean authorities admitted to the U.S. government that Kim Tong Un, first secretary at the Embassy, took part in the abduction, Kyodo said.

Japanese foreign ministry officials expressed embarrassment over the leak of the documents only weeks before U.S. President Jimmy Carter is scheduled to visit Japan and South Korea in conjunction with the Tokyo summit of industrial nations.

HABEAS CORPUS. — A Pakistan high court of justice dismissed on Saturday a petition seeking an examination of whether former prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was dead before he was hanged last April 4. There were reports that it was Bhutto's dead body that was hanged for official records.

Kidnapper slain in 'copter chase

PALM SPRINGS, California (Reuter). — Police aboard a helicopter shot dead the kidnapper of a 65-year-old woman as he was motorcycling across rugged desert terrain to collect a multi-million dollar ransom.

Elaine Chaddick, the wife of Chicago real estate developer Henry Chaddick, was kidnapped at gunpoint on Tuesday night at their Palm Springs home.

Shortly after her abductor was killed, she was found wandering alone in the desert. Police said her husband had left the ransom at a designated place along a dirt road, accompanied by an FBI agent posing as his chauffeur.

Supply capsule to space lab heralds new manned launch

MOSCOW (UPI). — An unmanned Progress-6 supply ship was en route to the orbiting Salyut-6 space lab yesterday in preparation for an expected launch of a second cosmonaut crew late this month.

Soviet sources predict a Soyuz -34 crew, including the first Hungarian cosmonaut, will be launched on May 25.

Their arrival would provide much-needed companionship for cosmonauts Vladimir Lyahkov and Valery Ryumin, who have been in space since February 25.

An attempt last month to send up a cosmonaut team, including a Bulgarian crewman, was aborted when the pair failed to link up with the Salyut-6 station and returned to earth.

The unmanned Progress supply ships have played a major role in the Soviet Union's ability to keep crews in space for extended periods.

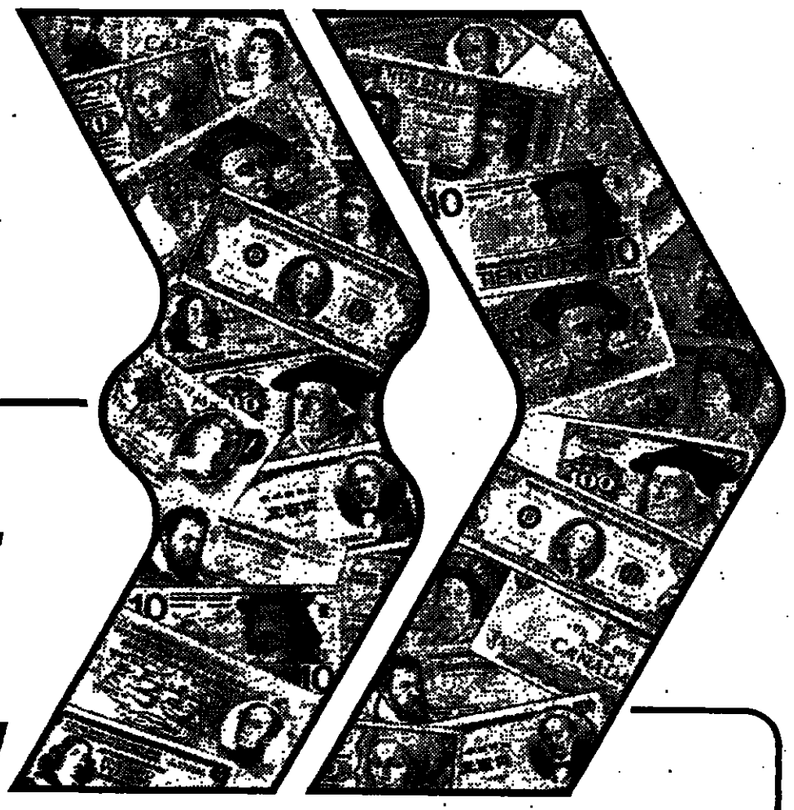
Each of the Progress capsules — which are stripped down, non-reusable models of the Soyuz manned capsules — can deliver about one ton of jet and rocket fuel and one and a half tons, or 50 days supply, of food, water and oxygen for the two men.

Tass said the latest capsule was launched early yesterday morning "in accordance with the programme of ensuring long functioning of the orbital Salyut-6 scientific-research complex."

It was expected to dock with the station about 24 hours after launch.

Judge saves man from hand amputation

MULTAN, Pakistan (AP). — A district judge here on Saturday overruled a Koranic court which had sentenced a man to amputation of his right hand for alleged thievery. The judge ruled on appeal that amputation could not be ordered because of the lack of witnesses to the alleged theft required under Koranic laws, and ordered three years' imprisonment instead.



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Did Paris want to foil sale of reactors to Iraq ?

Questions mushroom over blast of French reactors

By DAVID BODANIS/Paris

THE EXPLOSION on April 5 at the French naval construction hangar near Toulon, which destroyed two nuclear reactors about to be delivered to Iraq, aroused almost identical reactions in all the Paris newspapers. From the Communist "L'Humanite" to the rightist "Le Figaro," all hinted that the Israeli secret service was responsible for the blast.

Two reasons were given. First, Israel had a vested interest in preventing those reactors, which could be used to make atomic bombs, from reaching Iraq. Second, the explosions were too precise and sophisticated to be the work of radical French ecologists, who are also suspected of the sabotage.

The newspapers dropped the subject after a few days without changing their initial position. Government spokesmen have declined to be quoted on any but the most basic facts of the matter, but in off-the-record comments to the press, several have said that they agree with the French newspapers' position.

However, an examination of the recent history of French nuclear policy, and a more careful look at the logic of the newspapers' arguments, raises the possibility that the French government itself was responsible for the explosions.

THE REACTORS were ordered in November 1975, when then French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac was on an official visit to Baghdad. A detailed accord was reached in June 1976. The accord specified that the transaction was to follow the anti-proliferation rules of the International Atomic Energy Agency — with one exception: France was to provide special fissionable material, and this was not to be subject to international controls. Thus Iraq would receive uranium fuel sufficiently enriched to make atomic bombs.

On October 11, 1976 the French government stated its support for a stronger anti-proliferation programme, and recognizing the importance of a case-by-case examination of nuclear exports.

At that time France had its contract with Iraq and one for a retreatment plant with Pakistan. With some wrangling the Pakistan contract was revised. But the Iraq contract was left alone. Iraq is dealt with very gently by France, for it is an important oil source. Currently it is the second supplier, after Saudi Arabia.

Since the October 11 communique, the French government has increased its research on a reactor fuel that would work at enrichment levels so low that the fuel could not be used to make an atomic bomb. The programme, or code named Caramel. In May 1977 the government announced Caramel's first experimental success. Since then it has been used with a relatively simple reactor, called Isis.

But the reactor ordered by Iraq is more sophisticated, similar to the French Osiris type. Caramel has not yet been used in the French Osiris type reactor.

Last June government spokesman said that Osiris was soon to be tested with Caramel, and estimated that Caramel could be suitable for Osiris reactors in two years. This has been confirmed by a French physicist not working on the Caramel programme, but with extensive contacts in the French nuclear programme.

TWO POINTS from this background are clear: France now would like to export only reactors that use Caramel, and France does not want to offend Iraq by asking for a delay on their accord until Caramel for Osiris is ready.

Clearly it would be to the French advantage if the sale to Iraq could be delayed, in a fashion that would not offend Iraq, until that time.

Now the blast at Toulon is estimated by government officials to put back the sale for two years, which is just about when Caramel will be ready. So the Toulon explosion was to the benefit not only of Israel, but of France as well.

With this in mind the French newspapers' analysis of the blast becomes suspect. Shortly after the explosion the Paris newspaper "Le Monde" received a telephone call purporting to be from "The French Ecologists," claiming responsibility for the blast, and giving as reason the danger nuclear energy poses to the world's health and safety.

French newspapers considered the call dubious for two reasons: radical ecology groups rarely take such simple names as that given by the telephone speaker, and the speaker's phrasing of his group's reason for the blast was simpler and more naive than is common in such communiques.

But although this skepticism is well founded, the newspapers' conclusion that it must be an Israeli attempt to mislead investigators is less reasonable.

French newspapers considered as confirmation of their skepticism the fact that the French government said that the blasts were very precise, with the government's implication being that no simple ecologists' group could have done it.

Their argument in detail is that Israel set off a blast so precise that it would clearly show the hand of a sophisticated intelligence agency, then telephoned in a fake ecologist cover story in a fashion so obtuse that not a single newspaper was taken in.

CERTAINLY if a foreign intelligence service did cause the blast, they could have made it more plausible that local radicals did it by making a clumsier explosion; one that would have damaged other items in addition to the ones they wanted to be damaged. And they would be unlikely to try to fabricate a cover story so blatantly atypical that every newspaper would see through it.

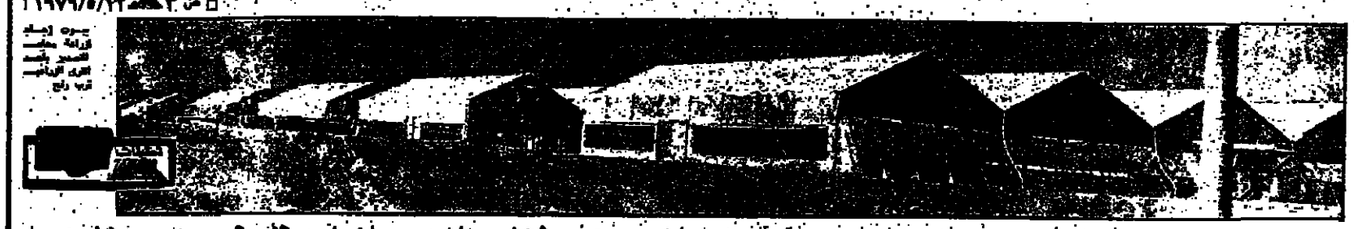
The fake communique and the precision of the blast would, however, be in the interests of a power that wanted to delay the sale and pin the responsibility for the explosion on Israel.

Furthermore, French government spokesmen, noted for their taciturnity and reluctance to be quoted, repeatedly stated on the record that the blasts at Toulon were much more precise than what could be expected from an amateur group.

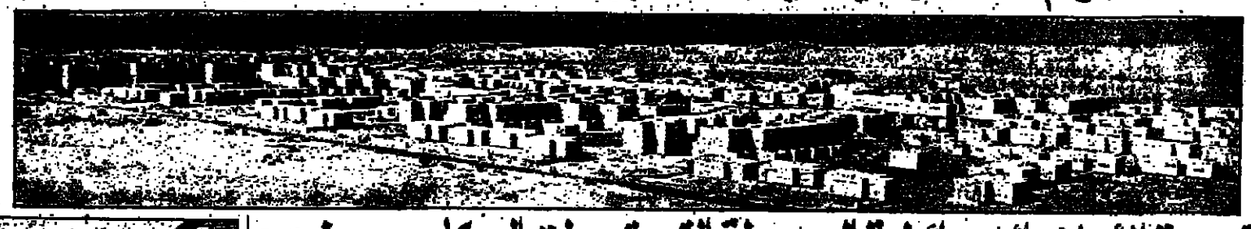
Certainly these facts do not prove that the French government was responsible for the blast. Such proof is probably impossible to obtain.

The newspapers' acceptance of one position is perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the whole affair. The press followed in a reflexive fashion the evaluation, supported by the manner in which the government presented the case, that Israel must be the culprit for any such anti-French actions.

(Herald Tribune)

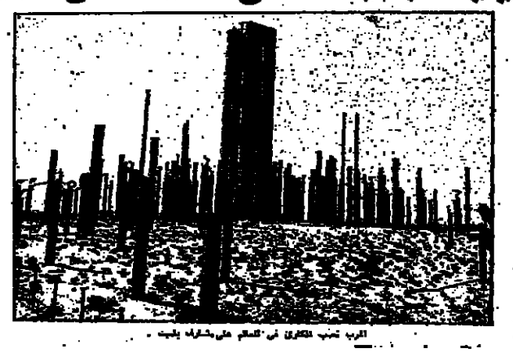


«الأهرام» داخل «يـاميت» : أكـبر المسـتوطنات الاسرائيليـة فى سـيناء





قصـة الأحلام الاسرائيلية الجميـلة التى تحولت الى كابوس مزعج



Cairo newspaper "Al-Ahram" on Saturday published a full-page report by its military correspondent on Yamit, "the largest Israeli settlement in Sinai," which "Egypt shall take over" under the peace treaty. The correspondent, Mohammed Abdul-Mon'en titled his report "the story of the beautiful Israeli dreams that turned into a disturbing nightmare." He was outspoken in commending the Sinai settlement, saying it looked like a resort town in the heart of Europe. "It is our land. We are not to blame for the dreams others invented for the inhabitants who will have to evacuate the settlement," Abdul-Mon'em said. Abdul-Mon'em and the chief photographer of "Al-Ahram," Antoin Albair, were accompanied to Yamit by The Jerusalem Post military correspondent, Hirsh Goodman.

Sadat may ask U.S. public to pay for 50 F-5Es

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat says that he no longer expects Saudi Arabia to finance the purchase of 50 U.S.-made F-5E jet fighters for Egypt.

He told "The New York Times" that he would then ask the American people to raise the money for the planes by public subscription.

"I don't want to finance it from the administration or Congress," he said. "I want wider participation. It is the significance of it that I really need."

Both Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Secretary of Defence Harold Brown indicated last week to a congressional committee that the Saudis were about to back out of their commitment to provide the financing for the $525m. sale.

Sadat said the thought of appealing directly to the American people on the F-5E's occurred to him only two days ago, and that he had not yet worked out the details.

"You are the first ones to hear about it," he told the newspaper with a chuckle. "Even my aides haven't heard about it."

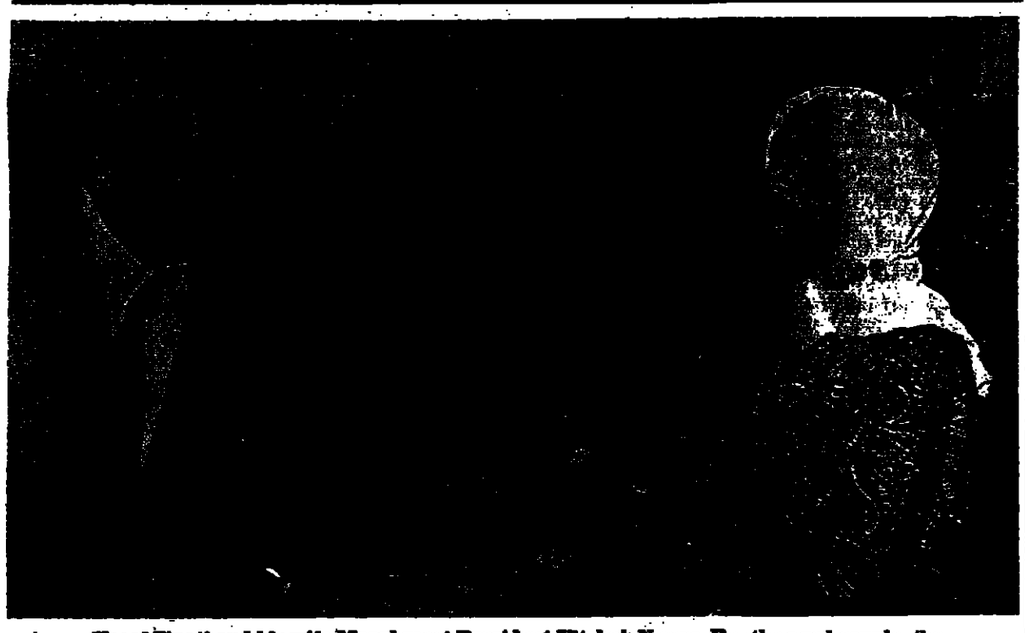
Sadat said he would ask to make his request over U.S. television "whenever I hear officially that the Saudis will be going back on their word."

Sadat disclosed that the Saudis may back out of their purchase of 60 U.S. made F-15 fighters and instead select the Mirage 2000. "Believe me, I knew this a few days before. They are thinking of shifting their position from the F-15 to the Mirage 2000's from France so that Congress will not make things difficult for them."

"I feel sure that they will go back on their words and will not finance the F-5E's," he said.

(In Paris, Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia yesterday declined to confirm or deny the statement by Sadat that Saudi Arabia, in revenge for Egypt signing the peace treaty with Israel, was reneging on a pledge to pay for the planes to be delivered to Egypt. "You must ask the Saudi Arabian defence minister about that," he told reporters after meeting with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.)

Sadat also told "The Times" that he will not stop pursuing normal relations with Israel, conceding, however, that Israeli fighting in Lebanon and the continuing establishment of Israeli settlements on the West Bank have hurt his standing in the Arab world.



Yosef Zinati and his wife Mazal meet President Yitzhak Navon. For the aged couple, the last Jewish family in Peki'in, the visit was the fulfilment of years of dreams. (Harati)

The last Jews in Peki'in finally get to J'lem

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yosef Zinati has long dreamed of visiting the Western Wall and meeting the president of Israel face to face in Jerusalem.

Yesterday, the fragile but clear-minded octogenarian — dressed in green paisley pajamas and a white headscarf — was chauffeured to the capital in one of the president's cars. Zinati, along with his wife Mazal and daughter Margalit, are the only Jews left in the Upper Galilee Druse village of Peki'in. Their lives represent the last link in a continuous chain of Jewish settlement in the area since Second Temple days.

Riding in an old wheelchair, Zinati was ushered into the office of President Yitzhak Navon, who shook the visitor's gnarled hand and greeted him in Hebrew and Arabic. Zinati chanted a traditional blessing for one's host, noting that a "*Shehehiyanu*" blessing was appropriate for having lived to see the day.

Friends of the Zinati family wrote to Beit Hanassi, asking that the president fulfil the old man's longtime dream. The last time that Zinati had been at the Western Wall was as a young child.

The lone Jewish family claims to have been shot at, cursed and threatened by their neighbours, but they never gave up.

"The British in 1936 told us to leave for 'security reasons.' The Jews who left said we were crazy to stay. But I said that I obey the order of God and not of the British," he recalled.

His 46-year-old daughter began to cry as she told the president that vandals have tried to desecrate the Jewish cemetery where her ancestors are buried and that locals are trying to build a road through it. A family friend who pushed Zinati's wheelchair told Navon that their telephone is constantly cut off and that they urgently need a walkie-talkie to keep in contact with the world. The Beit Hanassi social worker was asked to see if money could be obtained from the president's special fund.

The aged couple have three children, but neither of the sons seems ready to move to Peki'in and add a continuing link to the Zinati tradition.

Fulfilling the obligations of a guest, the Zinatis presented the president with a silver kiddush cup and a hand-woven mat and were taken back to the limousine, which drove them to the Western Wall.

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Rabin, Lewis to open veterans' tennis cup

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

HERZLIYA. — Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and U.S. Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis will be first on court today, when the 12th annual Israel Veterans' (over 45) International tennis championships get under way at the Dan-Accadia tennis club here.

Rabin and Lewis are playing off their doubles against Eliezer Chen and Israel Talmon at 8.30 a.m. upon special request, but the official opening of the seven-nation meet takes place at 2 p.m. A record entry of 12 overseas guests and 80 local veterans are competing in the tournament, which continues through Saturday.

American stars Russell Seymour and Jason Morton will be in action against local racquets this afternoon, in their first singles matches in the 45-to-55 age category. Seymour, the U.S. over-45 champion, is rated the world's No. 1 singles player in the veterans' game, while he and Morton reign supreme in the doubles. Top-seeded Seymour faces Moshe Oseri, while No. 2 seed Morton meets Y. Greenberg.

Heading the seedings in the 55-to-65 singles are Allie Ritzenberg, another American, and Holland's Wim Stoop, and in the over-65 event they are Dutchmen Bram Dros and Lo Lissauer. In the doubles category, which embraces all age groups, Stuart Fitleson and Ritzenberg are seeded behind their compatriots Seymour and Morton.

Also today, the Ramat Hasharon-based Israel Tennis centre is opening its eight-court Jaffa sub-centre, located at the end of Sderot Yerushalayim. The ceremony takes place at 4.30 p.m. and is being arranged by the ITC and the Tel Aviv municipality, which donated the land for the project. Further sub-centres are being constructed in Kiryat Shmona, Jerusalem, Haifa and Beersheba.

Record performance in golf competition

Post Sports Reporter

CAESAREA. — David Berkow of Haifa won the individual Stableford competition here from 68 golfers with 36 points Saturday. Arnie Walker of the Canadian Embassy finished with the same number of points, but had a worse back nine holes.

Dennis Goldstein of Herzliya Pituah won the "B" Division with 40 points, a clear lead over Charles Wolcott of Haifa with 35.

Two groups of four returned the best ever results at Caesarea in the Alliance Stableford event, the winning quarter scoring 95 points — which is 23 points under par. They were Sy Alpert, Morty Friedman, David Krashinsky and Monty Carmon.

Only one point behind were Gene Handelman, Shlomo Winbaum, Solly Shochet and Markus Mandel.



A determined grimace marks the face of a crew member of the USS Eisenhower, just before his bat makes contact with a softball during yesterday's game against a local squad in Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Park. (Alex Sueskind)

India's politicians whack the birdies

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — India's 83-year-old Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who is worried by his country's poor sporting performances, will set an example today by playing badminton with another politician.

The match will start a four-day sports event for members of parliament.

Desai recently asked sports officials to try and ensure that India's performances were worthy of the country's potential.

GYMNASTICS. — Nadia Comaneci of Rumania added two individual gold medals to the combined title she won Friday as the European Gymnastics Championships ended in Copenhagen on Saturday. Comaneci, the Olympic champion in 1976, won the gold medals in the vault and the floor exercises.

USS Eisenhower bats it out with local softball talent

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The softball team of the USS Eisenhower slugged it out with a local squad at the Hayarkon park in Tel Aviv yesterday. The Israelis won the game, 8-7.

Eighteen enlisted men of the American aircraft carrier were given the day off to represent their ship. While the crew can't play on board, they face local opposition at ports of call such as Naples, Athens, and the Virgin Islands.

The Association of Americans and Canadians fielded a Tel Aviv regional squad composed of university professors, dentists and other professionals against the "Tke"-capped crewmen. Earlier the Eisenhower men beat the U.S. embassy, 4-3.

The U.S. Sixth Fleet carrier, the world's most powerful warship, is ending her 10-day visit to Israel this morning. Together with her escort, the USS South Carolina, she will be sailing from Haifa bay to Lisbon. Both ships are nuclear-powered.

The Jerusalem Post was told that the visit of another Sixth Fleet carrier is being arranged. Either the 90,000-ton nuclear carrier Enterprise, almost as big as the Eisenhower, or the smaller 78,000-ton carrier Saratoga, which is powered by conventional fuel, are to come here in summer, probably in July. The carriers can take 90 and 80 aircraft respectively and their crews number approximately 5,000 men.

Wales added as Israel cricket opponent

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Wales has been added to Israel's list of official opponents in the first round of the qualifying competition for the Second Prudential World Cricket Cup, which is to be played in the English Midlands between May 22 and June 4.

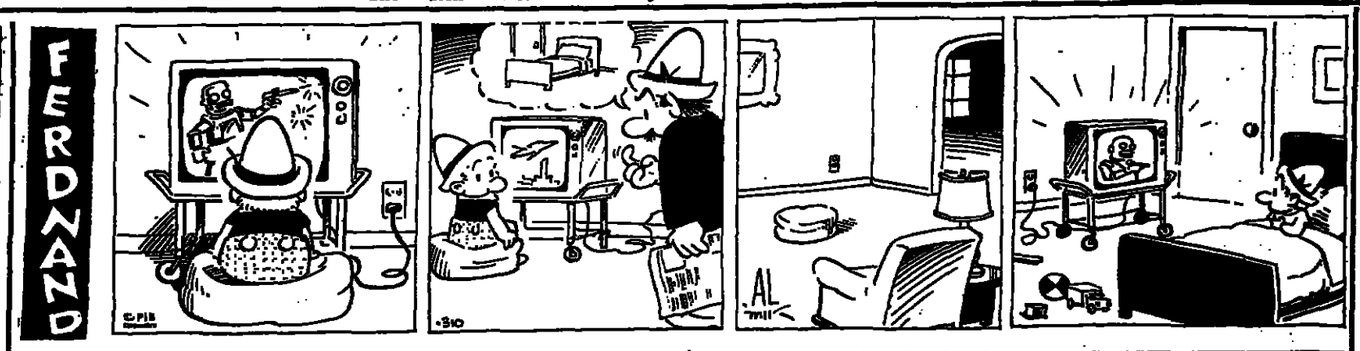
The original 15 International Cricket Conference (ICC) associate members participating in the tournament were divided into three sections, with Israel initially grouped with Gibraltar, Holland, Sri Lanka and the U.S.

Last month team-selection difficulties forced Gibraltar to withdraw, and then Sri Lanka announced it would not play against Israel for political reasons. The organizing committee awarded the match to Israel by default.

However, with the teams going through to the semi-finals comprising the three group winners and runners-up, the committee felt that Holland and the U.S. were at a disadvantage, as it would be almost impossible for more than one team in their group to qualify without the addition of another participant.

The BBC reported last week that it therefore was decided to make Wales an official participant. The country had previously replaced Gibraltar in an unofficial capacity only, as the principality is not an ICC member. Israel will now meet Wales on May 31, in the last of her three first-round fixtures.

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Jerusalem

MUSEUMS

Israel Museum Exhibitions: Opening Exhibition. Words in Freedom. Contemporary prints from the museum's collection having writing as their common motif. Prints include various aspects of writing and sources which interested 20th century artists as means of visual expression. **Peace Pictures Drawn by Egyptian Children. Arts in Palestine in the 19th Century.** Exhibition in honour of the 30th anniversary of the State of Israel, revealing the various fields of artistic activity in the 19th century in Palestine. This exhibition was made possible through a grant from the Dan Hotels Corporation.

The Kadishman Connection — works by more than 100 artists on proofs of a Kadishman print; with the generous assistance of Golden Pages, the Israel Classified Directory. **Neolithic figurines from Sha'ar Hagolan. Childhood Drawings and Paintings by Israeli Artists** (side by side with their mature works). **Street Art. Jerry Kleiman's slides** and colour blowups of paintings created by known and anonymous artists on walls, fences and roads of New York. **Slides by Bill Aron,** showing parallel works in Los Angeles. **Design Department Collection. New donations and acquisitions. Dennis Oppenheim. Project to be executed in Jerusalem by Dennis Oppenheim, one of the most important contemporary American artists.**

Chiaroscuro: The Beginning of Colour Woodcut. Exhibition of rare European woodcuts of the 16th-18th centuries. First Israel exhibit. **With a Pencil.** Creative work with a pencil. From the Sassoon collection. New pavilions open to the public: Maremont Pavilion of Ethnic Art: Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff building housing the Eliyahu Dobkin Pavilion for Ancient Glass; Walter and Charlotte Floersheimer Pavilion for Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Art; Norman P. Schenker Archaeological Garden.

Visiting Hours — Israel Museum: Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tue. 4-10 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Shrine of the Book, Billy Rose Art Garden:** Sun., Mon., Wed., Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Rockefeller Museum:** Sun. — Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets for Sat. and holidays must be purchased in advance at the Museum. Cabana or major Jerusalem hotels; in Tel Aviv at Rococo, Hadran and Kastel. Free guided tours in English, Sun., Wed., 11.00 a.m., Tues. 4.30 p.m. from upper entrance hall.

CONDUCTED TOURS

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1. Medical Centre, in Kiryat Hadassah. Tours in English at 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 12 noon, leaving from the Kennedy Building. Tour includes Chagall Windows. No charge. On Friday tours begin at 8 a.m. — by appointment only. Tel. 416333. The Hadassah Synagogue — Chagall Windows — open to the public from 1.30-4.00 p.m., Sunday-Thursday. Buses 19 and 27.
2. Mt. Scopus Hospital: Tours from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. No charge. Buses 9 and 28. Tel. 818111.
3. Morning half-day tour of all Hadassah projects, $5 per person towards transportation. By reservation only: Tel. 416333. Hebrew University, tours in English at 9 and 11 a.m. from Administration Building, Givat Ram Campus. Buses 9 and 28. Mount Scopus tours 11.30 a.m. from the Reception Centre Administration Building. Buses 9 and 28. Further details: Tel. 882819.

Emunah — National Religious Women's Organization, Tourist Centre, 26 Rehov Ben Maimon. Tel. 02-662468, 630620, 811586. **American Mizrachi Women.** Free Morning Tours — 19a Keren Hayesod Street, Jerusalem, Tel. 282783.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, Schneller Wood, Romema. Tel. 514822, 7.30 a.m. — 7 p.m.

SHOWS

A Stone in David's Tower. Sound and Light show in English, every evening (except Friday and festival eves) at 8.45 p.m. at the Citadel near Jaffa Gate. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday also at 10.00 p.m. in English; Sunday and Thursday at 10.00 p.m. in French. Tickets at the entrance. Please come warmly dressed.

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Tel Aviv

MUSEUMS

Tel Aviv Museum, Sderot Shaul Hamelech. Exhibitions: Workshop exhibition of Houses and Buildings in Tel Aviv: Art of the Sixties: Europe and America; New Acquisitions — selection of 20th century paintings, sculptures, drawings; **Israel Photography — Acquisitions 1978/79. Israeli Art Collection** — New selection; **Erich Mendelsohn,** Drawings of an Architect.

Visiting Hours: Sun., Mon., Tue., Thur., 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat. 7-11 p.m. New Museum Building open Sat., 10 a.m.-1 p.m., entrance free.

Beth Hatefutsoth. The Jewish diaspora, past and present, presented by the most modern technology and graphic techniques, films, slide shows, audio-visual presentations, displays, computer terminals, etc. In the exhibition gallery: "Image Before My Eyes" — a photographic history of Jewish life in Poland (1884-1939). Visiting hours: Sun., Mon., Thur. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues., Wed. 3-10 p.m. Fri., Sat. closed. Beth Hatefutsoth is located at Rehov Klausner, Ramat Aviv (entrance through gate 2 of Tel Aviv University campus).

CONDUCTED TOURS

Emunah — National Religious Women: 166 Ibn Gabirol. Tel. 440815, 788942, 703440. **Canadian Hadassah-Wizo Office,** 116 Rehov Hayarkon. Tel. 227060, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **ORT Israel:** For visits please contact: ORT Tel Aviv, Tel. 283231, 762291-2; ORT Jerusalem, Tel. 538141; ORT Netanya, Tel. 33744.

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Haifa

MUSEUMS

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Rehovot

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ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 8.15 English 6. 8.35 Language and Communications 3-5. 9.00 Math 7. 9.20 English 8. 10.10 Science 6. 10.30 Programme for kindergarteners. 11.10 English 8. 11.30 Mathematics. 12.00 Biology 9-10. 12.30 Citizenship 7. 13.40 Language 7. 13.00 Literature 10-12. 13.40 Nature. 15.30 Geometry 5-6. 15.45 English 6. 16.00 Programme for kindergarteners. 16.25 Science Fiction series. 17.00 Educational problems.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 The Double Deckers: Star Struck
17.50 Lag B'Omer film about a visit to the tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai
18.00 Quiet, We're on the Air — youth magazine
ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.35 Sports
19.27 Programme announcements
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with the Morasha: Kabbala and the "Ari"
20.30 The Muppet Show — with guest star Marisa Berenson
21.00 Mabat newsreel
21.30 An Hour Before — discussion on autonomy
23.55 Van Der Valk. Thriller series starring Barry Forster: Face Value
23.45 Almost Midnight — news
(Shows with asterisks are also broadcast on JTV 3)

JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.40* Laff a Bit. 18.00 Thunder. 18.30 French Hour. 18.45 (JTV 3) Grizzly Adams. 19.00 News in French. 19.30 News in Hebrew. 19.45 Music Box. 20.00* News in Arabic. 20.30 Mork and Mindy. 21.05 Against the Wind. 22.00 News in English. 22.15 Botanic Man. 22.40* Hawaii 5-0.

ON THE AIR

First Programme

7.07 Morning Melodies
8.10 (Stereo): Morning Concert — Marenzio: Madrigal; Schubert: String Quartet in G Minor (Amadeus); Dvorak: The Spirit of the Waters, Symphonic Poem; Ibert: Flute Concerto; Bartok: Divertimento for Strings; Poulenc: Mass in G
10.05 Radio story
10.15 Elementary School Broadcasts
10.40 Knowledge for All
11.30 South American Cantata
12.05 (Stereo): Emmanuel Ax, piano, plays Schubert — Liszt: The Miller; Chopin: Etude; Debussy: Etude No.12; Ravel: Scrabo; Beethoven: Appassionata, First Movement; Amir: Sonata for Violin Solo (Yuval Waldman)
13.00 (Stereo): Noon Concert — Bruckner: Overture in G Minor; Goldmark: Violin Concerto No.1 (Perlman)
14.10 Children's Programmes
15.30 World of Science (repeat)
15.55 Notes on a new book
16.05 (Stereo): Haifa Symphony Orchestra, Harlap conducting Harlap: Little Suite; From the Young Artists' Week (repeat of last night's broadcast
17.20 Music Quiz (repeat)
21.00 Everyman's University
22.05 (Stereo): Cilla Grossmeyer, Adi Etzion; Shlomo Tidhar, Uri Pianka, Simca Heled, Naomi Rogel, Eldad Neumark, Yonathan Zak — Robert Jones: 4 Duets; Handel: Aria; Fasch: Sonata for Recorder, Oboe, Violin, Cello, Harpsichord; Boismortier: Concerto for Recorder Oboe, Violin, Cello, Harpsichord; Beethoven: Violin Sonata No.7; Avidom: In Memoriam Schoenberg
23.23 (Stereo) Contemporary Music — Swedish composer Holm Venogard
00.10 (Stereo): Choral Music

Second Programme

7.00 This Morning — news magazine
8.10 Good Morning — songs, chat with Rivka Michaeli
13.05 Midday — news commentary
14.10 Musical Adventures
15.05 Sabbath songs
16.10 Magazine on health and medicine
17.10 Meni Peer's talk and entertainment show
18.05 Of Men and Figures — weekly economics magazine
19.00 Today — people and events in the news
19.47 Bible Reading — Malachi: 3
20.05 Gideon Lev-Ary's weekly column (repeat)
21.05 Jazz Corner
22.05 Modern Times
23.05 Radio information — everything you always wanted to know and didn't know whom to ask.

NEWS BULLETINS
Army Radio: Every hour on the hour. **First Programme:** Every two hours, from 7 a.m. to midnight, 7 p.m. broadcast is in easy Hebrew. **Second Programme:** 6.05 a.m., then every hour on the hour until 1 a.m. **Third Programme:** Hourly, from 6 a.m. to midnight.

NEWS IN ENGLISH
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14.00 (Fourth, Fifth) *
16.00 (Fourth) *
20.00 (Fourth) *
22.00 (Fifth) *
00.30 (Fifth) *
* Fourth programme: 737 kHz; Jerusalem area 674; central Israel 1025
* Fifth programme: Short wave and FM 88.2 MHz

Army

6.30 University on the Air — Prof. Yehoshua Ben Arieh lectures on 19th century Jerusalem
7.07 "707" — Alex Anaki presents selections of music and items from the morning newspapers
8.05 IDF morning newsreel
9.05 Morning Party — 3 hours of music, skits, jokes and news flashes
12.45 15 minutes — Political commentary
13.05 Today's favourite — songs with a special theme
14.05 Two Hours — music, art, cinema and theatre reviews, interviews, and anecdotes
16.05 Songs around the bonfire
17.05 IDF evening newsreel
17.45 Sports newsreel
18.05 Magazine on the Land of Israel
19.05 Needle in a Record Stack — new records and recordings
21.00 Mabat newsreel
21.35 University on the Air (repeat)
22.05 Bar Cochba (repeat)
23.05 Let's Listen — new records and recordings with Nathan Dunevitch
23.45 IDF midnight newsreel
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat with Michal Ramot

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SELECTIONS
French
7.15 (Fourth, Fifth) 15 min., including review of Hebrew press
14.30 (Fourth, Fifth) 30 min.
18.05 (Fourth) 5 min.
20.15 (Fourth) 15 min.
22.30 (Fifth) 25 min.
24.00 (Fifth) 30 min.
Spanish news at 6.40
Yiddish news at 6.20, 19.30 (First) 30 min:
Hungarian at 19.15 (Fifth) 15 min. Saturdays (First) 30 min.
Rumanian news at 6.15, 20.30 (First) 15 min.
Russian news at 6.25, 18.45 (First) 15 min. Sun-Fri.
Georgian news at 6.08, 19.15 (First, Fifth) 15 min.
Ladino news at 6.30, 20.00 (First, Fifth) 15 min.
Maghrabi news at 6.35, 20.15 (First, Fifth) 15 min.
Bucharian news at 6.03 (First)
Tat news at 6.11 (First)
Persian news at 6.49 (First)

NEWS COMMENTARY
Second Programme: Following the news at 7 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Army Radio: Following the 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. news and at 11.40 p.m.

CINEMAS

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Tel Aviv 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
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MARK SEGAL interviews two experts

Probing the pollsters

IN FEW parliamentary democracies do pollsters have to overcome the kind of problems they have in Israel. Special attention has to be paid to the linguistic qualifications of an interviewer when assigned to a given neighbourhood, for example. And there is also a huge backlog in work during Pessah and the High Holydays, because computer staff refuse to work full-time during the Hol Hamo'ed intermediate days.

This was learned from the two bright young social scientists running the Modi'in Ezrachi Applied Research Centre, which now regularly conducts opinion surveys for *The Jerusalem Post*.

Dr. Mina Zemach, 42, is one of Israel's best-known pollsters, largely because she was the only one to predict precisely the Likud victory in the May 1977 general elections and to make the best forecast of the November 1978 local elections.

She has an engaging if unassuming personality which goes well with her reputation for professional credibility. Her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees are from Yale (in communications), and she has a BA in sociology and psychology from the Hebrew University. Back home from the U.S., she taught at the Hebrew University social work school and acted as Prof. Emanuel Guttman's assistant at the University's Institute of Communications, helping him in his opinion research studies. Joining Modi'in Ezrachi in 1973, she continues to teach social workers at Tel Aviv University.

Her helpmate in running the centre is Amiran Yarkoni, 37, a Tel Aviv University graduate in sociology and political science. He took over its direction in 1976, two years after it was launched.

AT THEIR disposal are 60 field workers up and down the country, with eight experts in social science and psychology working with them at the head office on the lower ground floor of the America House skyscraper in Tel Aviv.

Because they are a unit, albeit a very independent one, in a sizeable national organization, they have access to offices in all of Israel's towns and can resort to Modi'in Ezrachi's diversified personnel — something lacking in other public opinion survey firms.

Modi'in Ezrachi is the largest information-gathering and economic and market research company in the country. It has a well-known security and investigation department, manned by former senior police and army officers.

The size of the parent company allows them to draw on a manpower pool for supervisory work not available to smaller institutes, especially when they wish to check and re-check the interviewers' work. In the past there were cases where students filled out the forms on their own, and suitable checking can pick this out, they explained. Even today when their selection of interviewers is so strict, they still conduct a follow-up of about 15 per cent of the persons on their list of those polled in a particular survey.

Zemach and Yarkoni are indignant about the telephone polls conducted by some of their contemporaries, which they fear turn out to be not representative of public opinion trends. They insist on face-to-face interviews because thereby the interviewee will be more likely to tell the truth.

They endeavour to send field workers out between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., before the TV Mabat newsreel and when husbands are home from work — which they consider the time when people will be most accessible to an interviewer.

They have learned that it is better to send a girl than a male interviewer, "because that way people do not immediately suspect them of being from income tax," Yarkoni related with a laugh.



Dr. Mina Zemach

He explained that they have to adapt their field work to the neighbourhood and to the community, with a number of people not knowing Hebrew. They have some piquant experiences, like sending only men on certain assignments to ultra-Orthodox neighbourhoods like Mea Shearim. Some kibbutzim were even less tolerant of field workers. Yarkoni reported they chased them away for "snooping."

In certain ways much of the Arab community and the kibbutz movement have in common a closed homogeneity, making for conformity in opinions. Thus the pollsters are advised to see the mukhtar or the secretary when approaching the individual Arab or kibbutznik.

However, changes are taking place even in such traditional societies, and Zemach related that in one research project into fertility patterns, her girl interviewers were well received by the Arab women, who spoke quite frankly about contraception.

MORE OFTEN than not, field workers go out to interview the 1,300 representative selection of the population carrying "omnibus" questionaires. This means a composite set of questions, each segment commissioned by a particular client, because research work of this kind is costly. Zemach and Yarkoni seek to avoid "loaded" questions and refrain from including competing firms or parties in the same project.

They arrive at their 1,300 interviewees with the help of computers and they follow an ecological model whereby the country is divided according to criteria set by the Bureau of Statistics.

To ensure that they have a true cross-section of the population, they choose a statistical sample drawn from 10 strata, which involves a correlation of residence and social status. For this purpose they draw from sub-divisions — big cities, older or newer towns, and older or newer villages. As Yarkoni put it: "What we do is scientific. It has a formula and can be processed through a computer."



Amiran Yarkoni. (Israel Sun)

What is unique to Israel is the varied population in such a small area, and what makes it difficult are the people who simply refuse to answer questions. In some cases, they note, it is an instinctive refusal from a person who has lived under totalitarian regimes, and fears the strangers who ask questions. Then there is the Israeli dislike of telling all about income because of such intelligence seeping through to income taxmen.

They surmont this obstacle by posing a question about a wide-ranging income bracket. Young people are less fussy in this respect, it was noted.

ONE PERMANENT feature is the fear rooted among some poorer voters about admitting their voting preference, which Yarkoni sees as a residue from old Mapai days when "the wrong vote" could incur loss of jobs. The better-off certainly have no such apprehensions.

The most talkative are former DMC voters, invariably middle-class and today often regretting that vote at length. Zemach confirmed the reduction of the floating vote in straw polls since the elections was due to "closet" Herutniks who had previously feared to admit their Likud sympathies.

During the first year after the 1977 elections, some people hesitated to declare their Labour Alignment affinities, with such an embarrassment having since disappeared. What is also of interest is that no Jew ever confesses to having voted for Rakah. The 30 per cent floating vote (don't knows/undecided/won't vote) has changed in composition since the elections. First it was the refuge of disappointed DMC voters who have since divided themselves up between Likud and Labour, and today it accommodates disenchanted Herut supporters, Zemach points out.

The most exciting moment in their careers was when they received the processed material from the computers just before the election day 1977. The trend to the Likud was so remarkable and unexpected that they could not believe it — indeed the computer operator shared their amazement.

As Yarkoni recalls: "We were in such a state of confusion, we feared releasing the material lest we become a laughing stock, so we all went through each individual questionnaire, using adding machines to make totals, and reaching the same conclusion...."

The coming of direct personal elections in local government brought the mayoral candidates to discover the existence of public opinion polls, Yarkoni said, recalling that October-November 1978 was the period they worked their hardest ever.

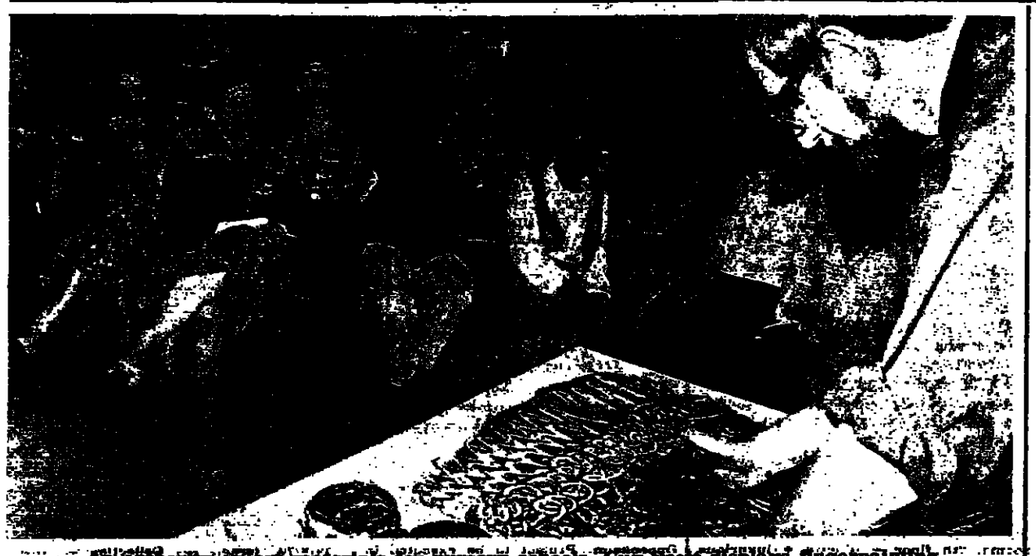
RECALLING that nerve-wracking period, he is proud that they predicted so accurately the votes accruing to the winning candidate, Likud's Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat.

While the political parties have dramatically increased their budgets for public opinion research, this was not the case with much of Israel's economic organizations. Interest in ascertaining the market prospects of a new product has caught on, especially among the food trade, light refreshments, clothing manufacturers, promoters of toothpastes and washing powders.

However, complete disinterest characterizes companies which in the rest of the world spend large amounts on market research, such as car firms, record companies and cigarette manufacturers, Yarkoni reported.

Part of their work is commissioned by government agencies and ministerial departments interested in testing public opinion, and the Absorption Ministry is in particular a good client of the Modi'in Ezrachi Applied Research Centre.

Zemach is pleased to report that one of their surveys did influence ministry policy. They were asked to ascertain the effectiveness of ministry broadcasting material, especially on TV, aimed at heightening receptiveness to aliya, and at their recommendation the programmes were combined..



An artistry of art materials for nursery schools, Guy Scott displays fingerpainting technique to an absorbed audience of teachers. (Photos by Arie Kanfer)

In touch with art

By MICHAL YUDELMAN/Jerusalem Post Reporter

FOUR HUNDRED adults plunged their hands into wet, sticky paint and proceeded to produce whatever they could imagine on paper, table-tops and even clothes. They were teachers and supervisors from schools and nursery schools, participating in fingerpainting and other children's crafts workshops.

The workshops were guided by international children's arts expert Guy Scott, who travelled up and down Israel last month to spread creative approaches to children's arts.

Scott was invited by the Education Ministry to give workshops and seminars in the use of fingerpaints, transfers, modelling clays, fabric transfer crayons, chalks, and paints. Author of several books on painting techniques, Scott is an authority on materials for nursery schools.

SCOTT believes that experimentation encourages artistic tendencies in children.

"I don't mean to say that the child will become an artist. But a child involved and in touch with materials tends to be more confident in his surroundings and therefore a more successful person," says Scott.



Fabric painting demonstrated by Guy Scott.

Fingerpainting and transfer painting demand direct contact with materials. Scott surprised his workshop participants by slopping paints directly on the table in one case, and transferring the drawing from the table to a sheet of paper.

"For this you need paints which are highly soluble, of course. It won't do to have the child run around with permanently red or blue hands," Scott explained.

Variety is essential to holding a child's interest and developing its experimental abilities. So Scott has developed techniques of painting with different kinds of paints on the same drawing. "The interplay of waterpaints on wax crayons, for example, is gratifying in the number of ideas it produces," says Scott.

A new process conceived by Scott, who works as a consultant to Crayola and who trained as an artist and teacher, involves special paints which can easily be transferred permanently to fabrics. This process was developed four or five years ago for industrial use, and has recently been adapted for children. (Crayola, a company known to most Americans as a manufacturer of crayons, produces many kinds of art materials.)

The drawing is first put on paper, a step which in itself gives the child confidence, for if a line goes wrong the drawing can be done anew. Then the drawing is put face down onto a T-shirt or table cloth, and permanently ironed into the fabric. (The paints stay permanently only on synthetics or synthetic blends.)

Bat-Dor with a special shine

DANCE/Dora Sowden

TWO BALLETS made the Bat-Dor Dance Company's performance in the Jerusalem Theatre (May 12) a special premiere in the contrasts they offered. Even the two ballets that were repeats added something, for the company seemed to have a special shine and never let go. Perhaps the recent U.S. tour gave the dancers a confidence beyond anything the company has shown. Perhaps the formidable list of ballet masters (including two Russians) could account for this.

Involvement was the high characteristic of the three dancers in Domy Reiter-Soffer's new work "Nightspells," based on the "love triangle" of Jacob, Rachel and Leah. The drama was as tense and tight as a biblical text, but the impact was emotional, not narrative.

Jarek Benschop as Jacob looked every inch a biblical figure, his pale silver tights and the off-white cloak slung over his shoulder giving him muscular, masculine magnetism. (Costumes by the choreographer.) When Jacob moved the long fringes from the face of Leah (Lea Lichtenstein) squatting (in blue) with her bridal flowers in her hand, and then turned to Rachel (Amanda Blumberg) seductive in red, the conflicts became elemental.

The erotic duet between Rachel and Jacob was a series of complicated close holds that required strength and smoothness — and accent. They were achieved with seeming ease. Rachel exercised her charm with little shoulder shakes and sharp turns, Leah her longings in wide sweeps and low stretches. They had a quality both primitive and passionate, but not more so than the anguish and frustrations of the man between them.

The ballet was shaped in clearcut lines recalling the forms of Hebrew print. The period was ancient, but the problem one of all time. Yaacov Gilboa's music was cleverly chosen but choreographer's own "Prologue" of sound was not of equal calibre.

YEHUDA NAOR's "Desert Poem" was deliberately lyrical, with no story, but with dramatic effect. The two couples were the vehicles of pastel-coloured roles, blending into nature rather than conveying human circumstances. Here Amanda Blumberg had to match up with Jeannette Ordman's perfection of movement, and though she had both charm and grace, her performance was pale by comparison. Hints of animal antagonism between Yehuda Maor and Jarek Benschop made "Desert Poem" even more of a "landscape" ballet.

Partnering Jeannette Ordman, Yehuda Maor (who seemed to have put on weight) swung her through the air, whirled her through space with a rhythm that went well with the music of Debussy's *"Six Epigraphes Antiques."* His self-designed set — one stark, symbolic tree and a glowing bright sand-coloured floor — enhanced the open-air atmosphere of vast, empty space. The four dancers were as mobile as desert breezes, volatile as desert fumes.

Two more works on the programme were Robert Cohan's "Tzaikerk" which was never danced more beautifully and with more coordination and Domy Reiter-Soffer's "Visitors of Time" in which Jeannette Ordman again led the excellent company in a deeply moving performance.

MICHAEL LORIMER, guitar (Jerusalem Theatre, May 9).

A GUITAR RECITAL always draws a large crowd of young people and those who don't attend symphony concerts or chamber music programmes, which makes this kind of event different from the many others.

The limited sonorities of a guitar also have a special appeal and the music, mostly from earlier centuries, tends to create a relaxing atmosphere. Thus a pleasurable experience is usually guaranteed, and this recital was no exception.

No programme was available; the artist announced his pieces from the stage, but his words did not always reach our ears. Michael Lorimer alternated playing on a Baroque guitar, made in 1669, if I heard correctly, and on a modern classical guitar. Works included Spanish and Italian Baroque, as well as music by Villa-Lobos and Castelnuovo-Tedesco, with some contemporary Americans providing textural innovations.

Lorimer's technical faculties serve him well in all situations. His renditions may have been a bit too void of contrast, as everything rolled off his fingers without effort. Yet he managed to play with such rhythmical freedom that many pieces sounded like improvisations. As most of the programme items, excepting the Albeniz, were unknown to or forgotten by this listener, the evening provided interest and relaxation.

The audience loved it all and got three encores in the bargain.

YOHANAN BOEHM.

INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVE CONCERT — Sixth Fleet Band directed by John Geary. Al Monaro — conductor and trumpetist; Michal Fackenheyer and Burnett Curtis — singers; Hule Malendas — trumpet; John Holliston — trombone; and others. (Haifa, Gan Ha'em, May 9). Excerpts from Musicals (South Pacific), American traditional songs, 1940s hits, Ellington, Dorsey, etc., Sousa: "Stars and Stripes Forever" and other marches, Israeli songs, etc.

THIS CONCERT took place at the Gan Ha'em on Mount Carmel. Entrance was free, and the audience included many of the crew of the visiting U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower and the U.S.S. South Carolina.

John Geary presented the programme himself, translated into Hebrew by Lucy Arnon.

From the start it was evident that the musicians are much more than the average-to-good armed service instrumentalists: they covered different eras of jazz music, and played their parts with the technical agility and musicianship of solo performers.

Young John Holliston gave a charming trombone rendition of Dorsey's "I'm Getting Sentimental over You."

The energetic conductor, himself a trumpet player, stepped down to play with his group Herb Alpert's "The Trumpet's Show."

As the band will be in Paris on July 4, we were given an "avant-premiere" of a new programme; a string of Maurice Chevalier songs very well sung by Burnett Curtis.

The only Jewish member of the band, who postponed his release from the navy because of this trip to Israel, Michal Fackenheyer, sang at the end three Israeli songs, "Beshanah Haba'a," and the two Eurovision songs "A-Ba-Ni-Bi" and "Halleluyah," to the delight of the audience.

There were, as expected, very good renditions of military marches, including the familiar Sousa.

Additional good solos, some funny in parts, like three musicians as the Andrew Sisters, and the "Vesuvios Octet" summed up in a pleasant light concert.

ESTHER REUTER

THE ISRAEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Cheng Liang-sheng, conducting with Gad Lewertoff, viola (Tel Aviv, Museum, May 19). Haydn Symphony No. 44 in E Minor ("Mourning"); Partos: "Shiluvim" (Fusions) for viola and chamber orchestra; Bartok: Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta.

CONDUCTOR Cheng Liang-sheng was born in Shanghai and studied at various American universities. He finally made his home in Geneva where he directed musical activity at the university, developing the University choir into an excellent body with which he produced major works such as Stravinsky's "Le Noces" and Berlioz's Requiem.

His performance with the Israel Chamber Orchestra showed that basically he was indeed much more a choir conductor than a leader of an orchestra. But despite his rather "unorchestral" conducting technique, he achieved surprisingly fine results and turned the evening into a most satisfactory event.

The Haydn sounded highly musical, the Allegro developed into a real "brio" and the Minuetto and Finale demonstrated not only a most dedicated approach but also a sparkling liveliness and a most laudable accuracy. Only the Adagio seemed slightly extravagant. Liang-sheng kept it on an unchanging, subdued tone (mostly played *con sordino)* and avoided even the most minimal expression.

Partos's very complex and sophisticated "Shiluvim" (Fusions) was also tackled by Liang-sheng in a most impressive way. He did his homework and knew the score and all its intricacies. Again, as in the Haydn he treated the orchestra as if he stood before a choir. He indicated all the entries, followed the players in all their phrases and even reacted to single tones. His conducting was illustrative. But what really counted was his apprehension of the work's most important musical idea: the complete integration of the solo part into the complex web of orchestral texture. He never allowed the soloist to stand out too much but fused him completely into the complicated labyrinth of voices.

LEWERTOFF did full justice to the score but not to the music. Partos demands a much warmer tone and a little more involvement. Lewertoff's performance was too reserved and too objective.

Liang-sheng's greatest success was undoubtedly Bartok's Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta. The first movement created a perfect arch. Growing slowly in density and volume, the conductor reached an impressive climax and then let the music diminish slowly and gradually to the final point of descent which was reached with a whispering pianissimo. The Andante (night music) was as poetic and imaginative as one could have wished, the last movement sharp and poignant, doing full justice to Bartok's motor-like drive, his exciting rhythm and his dissonant percussiveness.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

A pleasure as usual

MUSIC REVIEWS

THE KIBBUTZ CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Noam Sheriff, conducting with Michael Shopper, baritone (Tel Aviv, Museum, May 8). Mozart: Divertimento in F Major, K. 138; Bach: aria from Cantata No. 5 (Liebster Gott wann werd ich sterben); Cantata No. 82 (Ich hab genug); Schubert: Symphony No. 5.

THE KIBBUTZ Chamber Orchestra has recently widened its activities considerably. New programmes are produced more frequently and the repertoire seems to become more and more varied. The inclusion of a Bach cantata must be particularly praised. Regrettably the performance of Bach cantatas lies outside the activities of almost all performing bodies and therefore suffers from severe neglect.

Michael Shopper, from Germany, was the guest soloist in the aria and the cantata. We have followed Shopper's career almost from its beginning and had pinned great hopes on him. His performance at this concert, however, was slightly disappointing both in musical terms and in timbre. He covered only a narrow range of expression and there was an undeniable monotony in most of the numbers.

The aria from Cantata No 8 profited enormously from the splendid performance of the flute obligato part played by Margalit Gafny.

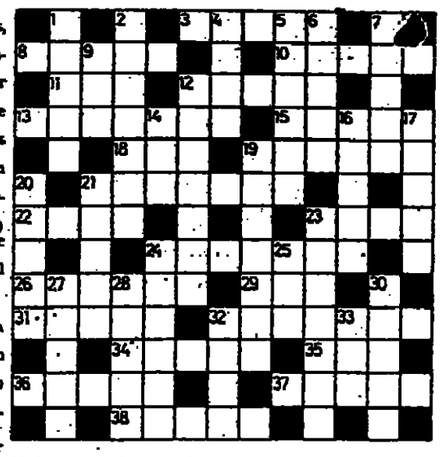
Mozart's Divertimento too did not seem to answer all demands. A Mozart Divertimento needs a much more pinpointed intonation and much more grace.

This left us with the Schubert symphony which emerged as the best among the four items. The orchestra sounded compact and Sheriff showed drive and temperament but also a fine lyricism in the Andante.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 How many an organ sounds, as well as loud (5)
8 A capital place to get plastered! (5)
10 They come under the hammer (5)
11 He can do a lot if you're patient (3)
12 It's savoury as some pickles (5)
13 Those running away from traps? (7)
15 Old people seem a bit desperate to me (5)
18 Wooden boarding section (3)
19 What a padre may arrange for show? (6)
21 This will make everything all right (4-3)
22 Tool possibly stolen (4)
23 Come and get it! (4)
24 Robert and Edward made a pile (7)
26 They happen to upset Steven (6)
29 Some Eskimo in Kipling! (3)
31 Man run out! (5)
32 Answers with dramatic untruths (7)
34 A double six and many more, that's clear (5)
35 Modern verse? (3)
36 Tempted by a bit of luck on the red? (5)
37 Something alarming (5)
38 Dances or swims (5)

DOWN

1 Summoned to a higher place (3, 2)
2 Choose to get a tool from one's kit? (4, 3)
4 Without being diminished? (4)
5 Muppet with much fan-mail, possibly (6)
6 Crack driver in a posh car? (6)
7 Lose something very personal (5)
9 He goes right ahead (3)
12 Stops the continuance of a criminal career (7)
14 Auricle of the heart (3)
16 Markedly old-fashioned (5)
17 Eve helps you to get a separation (5)
19 Picked for courage? (7)
20 The Big picture? (5)
21 Old plane used by an officer and the police (5)
23 Last drink? (7)
24 One way to ride is to go on Shank's pony! (6)
25 What kippers do on the seabed? (3)
27 Goddess with her own fly-trap (5)
28 Everlasting negative (5)
30 Squints at a letter from Peters (5)
32 A stream of shrill sound (4)
33 She maddens Otl! (3)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

3 Hide away (5)
8 Garment (6)
10 Stories (5)
11 Writer's fluid (3)
12 Frisk (6)
13 Rigidity (7)
15 Calendar divisions (5)
18 Be in debt (8)
19 Leave off (6)
21 Smudged (7)
22 Domicile (4)
23 Buy goods (4)
24 Turn aside (7)
26 Lawn flattener (6)
29 Sensory organ (3)
31 Instructor (5)
32 Skilled worker (7)
34 Disease carrier (5)
35 Wet earth (3)
36 Mount (5)
37 Higher (5)
38 Majestic (5)

DOWN

1 Recoils (5)
2 Tedious (7)
4 Salver (4)
5 Simmered (6)
6 Runs fast (5)
7 Lets water (5)
9 Hostelry (3)
12 Butcher's chopper (7)
14 Female sheep (3)
16 Racing-boat crew (5)
17 Ceases (5)
19 Traders (7)
20 Brief (6)
21 Stank (5)
23 Stints (7)
24 Sneer at (6)
25 Take nourishment (3)
27 Unseats (5)
28 Admirer (5)
30 Loses bloom (5)
32 Surrounding atmosphere (4)
32 Drink (3)

Cryptic Solution

ACROSS. — 1. Chink. 6. Corgi. 9. Rainbow. 10. Stray. 11. (sort and) Lemon. 12. Re-run. 13. Removed. 14. Pea. 17. Iron(Duke). 18. Snails. 19. Jones. 20. Eleven. 22. Poke. 24. Red. 25. Denotes. 26. Skein. 27. Ne-it-d. 28. G.I.-ant. 29. Hare-us. 30. Gorse(s). 31. Shell.

DOWN. — 2. Matter. 3. Drayon. 4. Kay. 5. Inked. 6. Columns. 7. Swan. 8. G-rope-t. 12. Bat on. 13. River. 14. M.O.-used. 15. Pivot. 16. (Arthur)Ashe's. 18. Seven. 19. Jerk-ins. 21. Legate. 22. Polish. 23. Kernel. 25. Diary. 26. Sl-on. 28. Gus(her).

Straightforward Solution

ACROSS. — 1. Smear. 6. Busts. 9. Bahamas. 10. Blast. 11. Learn. 12. Tiger. 13. Signora. 15. Mad 17. Meat. 18. Furore. 19. Belt. 20. Leered. 22. Halo 24. Lad. 25. Regular. 28. Lowed. 27. Steam. 28. Cabin 29. Venison. 30. Areas 31. Wedge.

DOWN. — 2. Millie. 3. Absent. 4 Rat. 5. Mania. 6. Bale out. 7. User. 8. Tartar. 12. Tried. 13. Small. 14. Caped. 15. Moral. 16. Decor. 18. Fixed. 19. Re-comes. 21. Easter. 22. Humane. 23. Lacing. 25. Remit. 26. Lava. 28. Cow.

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Japan—hard up on fat pay cheques

TOKYO. — As Japan's annual ritual of Shunto, the spring labour offensive, reaches its strike-strewn climax, the big debate has been over whether Japanese workers are well paid by world standards.

The old image dies hard that this nation's trading success is built on cheap, "rice bowl" economy at home. In fact, recent surveys show Japanese workers, in nominal terms at least, are among the highest paid in the world.

The bosses say this justifies severe restrictions of wage increases this year, especially as many industries are still struggling to keep their heads above water after a prolonged recession. The unions say the figures are misleading and that, in real terms, Japanese workers are still the poor cousins of the industrialised world.

Resolution of this row will go a long way to deciding how competitive Japan remains in world markets heading into the 1980s. The heated debate has been touched off by a slowdown in inflation and a drastic appreciation of the yen.

As a result, the Federation of Employers Associations says the per-hour wage for productive (as opposed to clerical) workers in industries in 1978 averaged $5.93, compared to $6.52 in the U.S. and $6.73 in West Germany.

Undoubtedly, the Japanese pay cheque has swollen in recent years. The notion that "Japanese are happy to work for a bowl of rice a day," if it was ever true, after the immediate post-war years of hardship, has been destroyed by the 30 per cent plus increases managements were willing to pay before and just after the 1973 Arab oil shock.

On the other hand, the standard of living has not kept pace. In terms of purchasing power, the Japanese pay cheque is equivalent to only 40 per cent of that in the U.S., 50 per cent of West Germany and 70 per cent of Britain (whose average hourly wage is just over half that of Japan).

Why this tremendous gap? For a start, the Japanese consumer has hardly benefited from the yen's appreciation, which ought to have brought down the retail prices of imported goods.

There are deep-rooted problems that keep prices at bizarre, artificially high levels, such as inefficiency in the multi-layered distribution and service industries (a top government official admits that gross feather-bedding in this sector is necessary to "keep our unemployment rate down".) In addition there is the almost ludicrous inefficiency in agriculture, where the powerful farming lobby is heavily protected by import restrictions that push up food prices three, five and even ten times the rate of major producing countries.

Moreover, exorbitant land prices keep the cost of housing at a desperately high level. A cramped, two-bedroom bungalow, an hour from central Tokyo, sells for $200,000. At those prices, perhaps a majority can never hope to own a home.

Large mortgage repayments sap the household economy of much of its spending power (up to half net income). Even with half-yearly bonuses and welfare benefits added, real wages do not compare with those paid overseas.

This is likely to get worse as the March OPEC oil price increase filters down to the bottom. Government officials reckon it will have a serious impact, slowing the business recovery and forcing up consumer prices.

The unions say real wages increased only 4.3 per cent between 1975 and 1977. Despite this, the employers are digging in their heels, favouring austerity despite patchy improvements in the corporate profit picture.

The four pace-setting industries of past years — steel, shipbuilding, appliances and cars — are calling for increases of 6 to 8 per cent and are likely to be able to hold that line easily against unions much weakened by recession.

The unions are making the usual loud noises, but there is no real heart in their campaign. The big issue for them is job preservation in the face of widespread moves to slash the work force in the interests of greater cost efficiency. (OFNS)



Brightly coloured awnings that recall the "younger days" of Tel Aviv are displayed at the "Man and his Dwelling-79" exhibition at the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds. (Ya'acov Katz)

Kupat Holim opens its 'health farm' at Ashkelon

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — For a mere IL438 a day for seven days, a highly motivated person can not only trim considerable sums off his food bill, but also expect to live a longer and healthier life.

This was the promise made recently by Kupat Holim in selling its newly established "Health Farm" at Ashkelon. The rest home can accommodate 60 persons, who are "not only given the cheapest vacation" in Israel, but also get hours of lectures on "what to eat in order to lose weight without endangering your health."

"We are arranging eight week-long sessions for eight groups. At the end of this time, we will sum up our findings and if they prove that Israelis can be taught to live a more wholesome life, Kupat Holim will embark on a nation-wide campaign," said Shlomo Peretz, assistant to Prof. Haim Doron, the director-general of the sick fund. The actual mass education campaign will be conducted by Ada Kimhi, who heads Kupat Holim's department for health education.

Theo Mainz, chief dietician at the Beilinson Medical Centre , said that "most Israelis are unintelligent when it comes to chosing their food." Not only do they waste their money, but they also eat a lot of "empty foods," that is, foods which hurt the body and endanger the health. He listed among the "empty foods" such everyday items as sugar, cakes made out of sticky doughs, solid fats and shortenings made out of saturated fats.

"When they are stuffing themselves with such expensive and almost valueless foods, they are skimping on healthy foods, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, which are full of vitamins and minerals," he said.

Mainz came out against "crash diets", pointing out that "without fail a person who lost weight in this fashion eventually regained it — and a bit more." A person should not lose more than ten per cent of his body weight during any six-month period, and then he should do so under constant medical supervision.

Dr. Natalio Kristal, who heads the intensive-care unit at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, pointed out that wrong foods had a tendency to clog the blood vessels, leading not only to circulatory problems, but also to strokes and heart attacks.

"But food is only one of the four elements causing such ailments," he said. The other three are: tension, lack of exercise and smoking (which made Shlomo Peretz snuff out his thick cigar.)

Asked about drinking alcohol, Dr. Kristal said "we don't have to be obsessive — this causes tension — on this subject. But a rule of thumb is that a drink or two of brandy a day doesn't hurt. And when it comes to beer, drink it to enjoy it, not to quench your thirst. If you are thirsty, drink water first, and then enjoy your beer, or a sip of wine."

Interest goes up 5 per cent

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Commercial banks will raise interest rates on their loans by five per cent tomorrow, creating effective interest rates of between 42 and 47 per cent, although in some cases the rates may be as high as 50 per cent. (Each customer is given different rates according to the size of his loan and the security he puts up.)

In cases of overdrafts a 30 per cent "fine" is tacked on, making the total interest rate in some cases as high as 80 per cent.

Since the regular interest rates (42 to 47 per cent) are considerably below the inflationary spiral, the banks make a profit on the difference on the interest rates they pay customers who deposit funds with them, and the rates they charge their customers.

The banks pay between 28 and 35 per cent for funds deposited with them. However, due to the liquidity regulations, only 70 per cent of these funds can be lent out to borrowers. On the other hand 30 per cent, which the commercial banks must deposit with the Bank of Israel, they receive from that bank an interest rate of only 12 per cent.

All the country's banks are now working on a plan to set up some 200 "off-bank" automatic tellers. These "off-bank" tellers will be put up in various places where there a concentration of customers, such as large stores, so that customers can withdraw money and pay in cash when they make their purchases. At present, two such systems are in operation, both on the outside wall of banks.

Bank Leumi and Discount run one system jointly, and Bank Hapoalim, First National and Mizrahi run the other.

Bank Hapoalim announced yesterday that it had made arrangements with petrol stations to honour Hapoalim cheques up to the sum of IL500.

In such cases, the customer must produce as identification a Bank Hapoalim credit card.

Plan for 16,000 flats in Tel Aviv

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 16,000 flats can be built on public lands in Tel Aviv to alleviate the plight of young couples, Aharon Ferber, director-general of the government-municipal Halamish building company said recently. His announcement was based on a Halamish-sponsored survey intended as a framework for planning new neighbourhoods.

The survey recommends erecting apartment buildings on plots owned by the Israel Lands Administration in the areas of Tel Baruch, Zahala, Napoleon Hill, Ha'argazim Quarter, Tel Kabir and Jaffa.

The report also proposes building apartments on agricultural lands concentrated mainly east of the Neve Sharett quarter, the municipal nursery area near Ganei-Zahala, the former military camp in Tel Baruch and south of Kfar Shalem.

Ferber said the Halamish survey provides data for planning a more evenly distributed population in Tel Aviv, instead of the present concentration of all government housing projects in the southern part of the city.

Arab-U.S. trade up despite boycott

NEW YORK (AP). — U.S. opposition to the Arab boycott of American trade with Israel has boosted U.S. sales to Arab countries "to unprecedented levels" rather than restricted trade, according to a study released on Friday by the American Jewish Committee. ,

The study, quoting U.S. Department of Commerce figures, said a failure of the boycott is evidenced by the rise in American exports to the 14 Arab boycott nations.

That trade reached $8.36b. last year, a 16.8 per cent hike over $7.15b. in 1977 and nearly double the $4.41b. in 1975, according to the survey.

"Egypt's formal withdrawal from the Arab League's long-standing boycott of Israel is a major step in a gradual erosion going on for some time, an erosion hastened by U.S. action to prohibit most forms of American compliance with the boycott," said the study.

The study said the "three most zealous supporters of the boycott — Libya, Syria and Iraq — increased their imports from the U.S. by 34 per cent in 1978, a rate double that of the Arab world as a whole."

The three countries that represented the largest Arab export market to this country — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Egypt — have increased by two-and-a-half times their purchases of American goods since 1975, according to the report.

"Though internal economic and political problems inhibit Arab purchases to some degree, the U.S. has benefited from a rapid expansion of U.S. trade with the Middle East, precisely at a time when it is experiencing increasing trading difficulties with other parts of the world," the report said.

The study was conducted on behalf of the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Civil aviation must grow: Landau

TEL AVIV. — "The present condition of the country's civil aviation cannot be permitted to continue," Transport Minister Haim Landau told a symposium on air traffic services at the Dan Hotel here recently.

He said that air traffic through Israel's airports in 1978 totalled 2.6 million passengers, while next year the total would reach some 3 million. The minister predicted that by the mid-1980s about 5 million passengers would pass through the airports. The total is expected to exceed 10 million in the early 1990s, he said.

Cargo volume is expected to total 500,000 tons annually by the mid-1980s, up from 180,000 tons last year.

Inflation pushes up insurance costs

By AARON SITTNER

Insurance companies' premium income last year — IL7,800m. — represented a 56 per cent increase over premium income in 1977, according to preliminary figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of statistics.

But insurance industry sources explained that the real increase was only three per cent, since premiums are linked to the Consumer Price Index, and this rose by more than 50 per cent during 1978.

The IL7,800m. premium income last year was classed as follows: IL2,100m. from life insurance policies, and IL5,700m. from general insurance, such as property and casualty policies.

The life insurance firms' reserves for payouts stood at approximately IL9,200m. last December 31, said the Statistics Bureau. These reserves were backed by government, or government-guaranteed, bonds with a current market value of IL12,300m. on that date.

The total face value of outstanding life insurance policies — 63 per cent of which are linked to the Consumer Price Index — reached IL152,000m. during the course of 1978, the Bureau reported.

Bigger Israeli presence at plastics fair

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.— Israel is doubling its participation at the international fair devoted to plastics and rubber taking place at Dusseldorf this October.

This was announced yesterday by Matityahu de Vries, of the fairs and exhibitions department of the Export Institute, and by Yosef Arkin and Akiva Hollander, joint managers of the Meco Company, of Tel Aviv, which arranges for the Israeli participation.

The fair, called "New Impulses K-79", is held every four years and is the outstanding event in the world in the fields of plastics and rubbers. At the last fair, some 106 countries, both from the West and from the Eastern bloc, attended, with a goodly percentage displaying goods, machinery or processes.

Israel at that time had a 70 sq. m. display area — out of a total display area of some 100,000 square metres — and half a dozen companies displayed their wares.

This time, Israel's display area has been increased to 144 sq.m. and 12 firms will display finished and semi-finished items. They include some of the largest firms in the country, among them Petrochemicals, Makhteshim and Frutarom.

Some 100 Israeli buyers will also attend the fair to study the possibility of future purchases.

You can lease an aircraft now

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israeleasing equipment rental company has added light aircraft and crop dusters to its range of services.

Aharon Zeller, company manager, says many sectors in the country need light aircraft and crop dusters to develop their activities fully. However, they are deterred by the prohibitive expenses involved in acquiring such aircraft.

A study of the market led Israeleasing, a member of the Clal group, to enter the field on the same basis as that used to lease sophisticated equipment, computers, industrial mechanization units, medical and laboratory equipment.

The arrangement is simple; the customer defines his needs, Israeleasing is responsible for the acquisition, and the equipment is then leased to the customer.

Zeller reports that Israeleasing has already signed several contracts with domestic customers. He noted that the field of his company's activities may extend beyond the country's borders.

Citrus export season at Haifa port ends

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The citrus export season at the port here ends tomorrow, with orange crates being replaced by cases of onions, water and sugar melons on the quays.

The last citrus shipment, 310,000 cases, is being loaded on the refrigerated freighter Snowball now.

Altogether just over 27 million cases will have been shipped from Haifa this year, compared with 25 million last year.

During the next month Agrexco will export to Europe 23,000 tons of onions, 15,000 tons of water melons and 5,000 tons of sugar melons, about the same quantities as last year.

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NEWS

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Dear Member,

Our medical expenses have grown at an unexpected rate since we decided on a proportionately modest raise in membership dues in April.

For hospitalisation, in Government hospitals, we now have to pay 63% more than last year, and ambulatory services now cost us 75% more than they did one year ago.

Under such conditions, we have no alternative other than to increase our income from membership dues. Therefore, as from June 1, 1979, we shall be obliged to raise these dues and trust that members will understand the reasons for this unpopular step.

With the inflationary conditions under which we are living, we also cannot agree to arrears in payment of dues, and we would ask all members to pay these promptly. Members who do fall into arrears will be required to pay for the period of arrears at the new rates; for example: a member paying *for the month of May after July 1, 1979, will have to pay at* the new rates AND NOT those prevailing in May.

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Trading slumps in index-linked bonds

TEL AVIV. — Despite Thursday's revival of interest, trading in index-linked bonds slumped again yesterday. The value of shares traded dropped from Thursday's figure of IL49m. to below IL39m. yesterday.

On the other hand, the market in shares was very lively with IL56m. in stocks traded, as compared to IL41.5m. on Friday. In most sectors, the market was mixed with no clear trends emerging.

The apathy in index-linked bonds' trading was reflected in yesterday's results. For the most part, bonds were steady. Such gains or losses as were recorded were of small magnitude, of less than half a percentage point. The one exception was in the 4 per cent linked bonds, which fell by up to 2 per cent.

In equities, commercial banks were generally steady. Of the big three, both Hapoalim and Leumi were up by two points with IDB unchanged. No major fluctuations were recorded in this sector.

Mortgage banks were mixed, with both gains and losses being shown. However, the two figures which stood out in this section were both losses. Tefahot pref. b eased by 4.4 per cent to close at 323 while Carmel opt. had a 7.5 per cent drop to 74.

Stocks & bonds — the market report

By ALAN ELSNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Insurance was also mixed, but again the losses were more prominent than the gains. Zur b was hit with a 25-point fall to 380, Sahar b was 15 points off to 395 and Yardenia 1 lost 4.4 per cent to 307.

While the market in commercial services and utilities was also mixed, here it was the gains that were more impressive. Lighterage, which has been steadily rising since the beginning of the month, continued its upward drift by putting on 4.4 per cent. This 29-point rise followed Thursday's 45-point leap. Lighterage opt. 2 was 9 per cent higher. Lighterage stocks now stands at 689.

Both gains and losses were recorded in land, building and development. Among the gainers was Ispro, up 4.7 per cent and finishing at 268. Among the losers was Pri Or, which followed a 40-point slump on Thursday with a 45-point fall yesterday, taking 4.8 per cent from the equity's value. Also down was Oil Explo. Paz, which lost 4.5 per cent and closed at 127.

Industrials followed the general pattern and were also mixed. Among the big gainers was Paper Mills, which had an excellent week last week. Yesterday the stock jumped another 42 points to close at 879. Its option was also up by 6.2 per cent. On the other side of the coin, losses were sustained by ILDC, which eased by 5.1 per cent to 111, and Phoenicia which was down 4.8 per cent to 299.

In investment and holding companies, the general rule was for small gains, but with some sizeable losses interspersed amongst them. Amissar was 4.9 per cent loser to 291, and Jordan by 4.5 per cent to 320. However, the most spectacular gain of the day was also in this sector, where Clal real estate's 20 per cent debenture was up by 24.7 per cent to 101.

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

May 13, 1979

	Closing price	Change	Volume IL1,000
Commercial Banks & Bankholding Co.'s			
O.H.H. r	345.0	+6.0	22.0
O.H.H. b	398.0	n.c.	10.0
I.D.B. pref.	1330.0	n.c.	.2
I.D.B.	425.0	n.c.	365.9
I.D.B. "B"	455.0	n.c.	2.0
I.D.B. pref. "A"	362.0	n.c.	109.9
I.D.B. opt. 4	493.0	n.c.	30.9
I.D.B. opt. 5	264.0	n.c.	175.9
I.D.B. opt. 6	197.0	n.c.	1022.0
Union	314.0	—4.0	159.8
Union opt.	415.0	—5.0	11.9
Union opt. 3	196.0	—3.0	21.6
Union opt. 4	103.0	—1.0	93.6
Union 18% s.c.	128.0	—2.0	22.2
Union 18% s.c. 5	98.0	n.c.	46.9
Discount	620.0	n.c.	5.1
Discount "A"	610.0	n.c.	25.0
Discount "A" 5% s.c.	149.0	n.c.	37.8
Mizrahi r	230.0	+1.0	1133.4
Mizrahi b	231.0	+1.0	395.8
Mizrahi opt. 1	535.0	+1.0	7.0
Mizrahi opt. 2	421.0	+4.0	3.6
Mizrahi opt. 3	184.0	n.c.	114.4
Mizrahi opt. 4	181.0	+3.0	117.2
Mizrahi 15% s.c. 2	404.0	n.c.	3.0
Mizrahi 20% s.c. 4	213.0	n.c.	69.2
Mizrahi 18% s.c. 5	179.0	n.c.	52.1
Mizrahi 18% s.c. 6	148.0	n.c.	104.3
Mizrahi s.c. 7	124.0	n.c.	86.0
Hapoalim pref.	601.0	n.c.	3.0
Hapoalim r	603.0	+2.0	361.1
Hapoalim b	604.0	+2.0	126.5
Hapoalim opt. 2	1075.0	+5.0	2.4
Hapoalim opt. 3	357.0	n.c.	14.1
Hapoalim opt. 4	496.0	+2.0	15.6
Hapoalim opt. 5	386.0	+1.0	42.6
Hapoalim opt. 7	206.0	n.c.	168.2
Hapoalim 10% s.c. 1	540.0	+5.0	1.0
Hapoalim 18% s.c. 3	195.0	+1.0	114.5
Hapoalim 18% s.c. 8	140.0	+2.0	582.5
General	366.0	+1.0	169.2
General 18% s.c. 4	112.0	—1.5	223.3
Leumi	303.0	+2.0	3115.7
Leumi opt. 1	585.0	+4.0	32.0
Leumi opt. 2	341.0	+2.0	641.1
Leumi opt. 4	153.0	+2.0	351.4
Leumi 7% s.c. 5 opt.1	441.0	n.c.	15.7
Leumi 18% s.c. 6	216.0	+2.0	47.9
Leumi 18% s.c. 7	185.0	+2.0	14.7
Leumi 18% s.c. [illegible]	127.0	+1.0	235.0
International 4% s.c. 1	134.0	n.c.	725.9
F.I.B.I.	350.0	n.c.	193.7
Mortgage Banks			
Gen'l Mtg. r	265.0	+6.0	278.1
Gen'l Mtg. b	266.0	+3.0	58.2
Gen'l Mtg. opt. 114	439.0	+13.0	46.0
Gen'l Mtg. opt. 117	105.0	n.c.	74.3
Gen'l Mtg. 18% deb. 118	95.0	n.c.	120.7
Carmel r	255.0	—.5	34.6
Carmel b	238.0	+9.1	5.0
Carmel + opt. "A"	74.0	—6.0	46.3
Carmel 18% deb. 10	71.0	—2.0	38.5
Mortg. & Inv.	410.0	—	—
Dev. & Mtg. r	204.0	n.c.	118.2
Dev. & Mtg. b	208.0	n.c.	25.5
Dev. & Mtg. opt. 88	203.0	n.c.	22.0
Dev. & Mtg. opt. 95	88.5	+.5	30.0
Dev. & Mtg. 15% deb. 86	221.5	+2.0	10.0
Dev. & Mtg. 18% deb. 87	119.0	+3.0	16.9
Dev. & Mtg. 18% deb. 94	84.0	n.c.	1.7
Housing Mtg. r	281.0	n.c.	21.0
Housing Mtg. b	289.0	n.c.	20.5
Housing Mtg. 50% div. 78	—	—	—
Housing Mtg. opt. 1	286.0	n.c.	9.9
Housing Mtg. opt. 2	189.0	n.c.	.4
Tefahot pref. r	321.0	—11.0	27.0
Tefahot pref. b	323.0	—15.0	4.4
Tefahot r	317.0	n.c.	46.1
Tefahot b	322.0	+4.0	57.4
Merav	270.0	n.c.	73.5
Merav opt. 1	137.0	n.c.	77.1
Specialised Financial Institutions			
Shilton r	88.5	—1.5	153.0
Shilton b	92.5	n.c.	5.0
Shilton opt. "A"	74.0	+2.0	34.0
Shilton opt. "B"	76.5	—1.0	20.0
Shilton 18% deb. 1	68.0	—.5	75.6
Shilton 18% deb 2	73.5	n.c.	57.5
Otzar La'taasiya r	274.0	+3.0	80.0
Otzar La'taasiya b	273.0	+3.0	100.0
Ampal	600.0	+5.0	1.0
Agriculture "A"	125.0	n.c.	18.3
Ind. Dev. pref.	128.5	n.c.	15.0
Insurance Companies			
Aryeh	827.0	+6.0	39.2
Aryeh opt.	668.0	+1.0	2.3
Hassneh r	378.0	n.c.	87.5
Hassneh b	386.0	n.c.	48.0
Hassneh opt.	180.0	n.c.	124.4
Phoenix 1	367.0	n.c.	11.5
Phoenix 5	369.0	+7.0	10.7
Yardenia 1	307.0	—14.0	46.0
Yardenia 5	264.0	—6.0	85.0
Sahar r	370.0	—6.0	19.1
Sahar b	395.0	—15.0	5.6
Sahar opt.	109.0	—5.0	47.8
Sahar 18% deb.	75.5	n.c.	109.6
Securitas	351.0	n.c.	67.1
Securitas 50% div. 78	358.0	n.c.	20.5
Securitas opt.	171.0	n.c.	24.2
Zur r	369.0	n.c.	9.1
Zur b	380.0	—25.0	3.2
Commercial Services & Utilities			
Motor House	340.0	—1.5	4.0
Delek r	225.0	+4.0	689.0
Delek b	268.0	n.c.	12.7
Delek opt. 1	595.0	n.c.	7.1
Delek 20% deb. 2	236.5	n.c.	52.7
Cold Storage 1	1050.0	—	—
Cold Storage 1 no div.	—	—	—
Cold Storage 10	273.5	n.c.	32.0
Cold Storage 10 no div.	—	—	—
Cold Storage opt. "A"	192.0	—8.0	35.1
Cold Storage 20% deb. 1	126.0	+1.0	76.4
Israel Electric	255.0	—4.0	24.5
Lighterage	689.0	+29.0	13.3
Lighterage 5	339.0	+6.0	74.9
Lighterage opt. 2	182.0	+15.0	95.0
Lighterage deb.	96.5	—3.0	250.5d
Rapac 1	396.0	n.c.	9.0
Rapac 5	380.0	n.c.	14.1
Land, Building, Development & Citrus			
Azorim	470.0	—21.0	158.1
Azorim opt. "A"	408.0	n.c.	25.5
Azorim 20% deb. 1	169.0	n.c.	225.3
Africa-Israel 1	2760.0	—30.0	.2
Africa-Israel 10	937.0	+3.0	7.0
I.L.D.C. r	198.0	—.5	184.3
I.L.D.C. b	219.0	n.c.	48.3
I.L.D.C. opt. "A"	337.0	+11.0	4.4
I.L.D.C. opt. "B"	169.0	n.c.	89.3
I.L.D.C. 20% deb. 3	132.5	+1.0	10.0
I.L.D.C. 20% deb. 4	155.0	+2.0	87.0
Solel Boneh b	858.0	+8.0	21.7
Prop. & Bldg.	356.0	n.c.	83.5
Prop. & Bldg. opt. "A"	456.0	+6.0	34.3
Prop. & Bldg. 15% deb. 4	336.0	—	—
Prop. & Bldg. 18% deb. 5	262.0	+2.0	33.5
Bayside 1	326.0	+1.0	30.7
Bayside 5	315.0	n.c.	6.5
Ispro	268.0	+12.0	11.0
Isras	551.0	+1.0	35.0
Mehadrin	921.0	—4.0	17.0
I.C.P.	1570.0	+25.0	1.3
Pri Or	900.0	—45.0	1.3
Rassco pref.	271.0	n.c.	15.0
Rassco	263.5	+1.0	32.6
Oil Exploration			
Oil Explo. Paz	127.5	—6.0	474.1
Industrial			
Urdan 1	370.0	n.c.	82.3
Urdan 5	370.0	+1.0	20.0
Urdan opt.	231.0	—5.0	33.3
Elbit 1	464.0	+4.0	18.0
Elbit 5	459.0	n.c.	20.0
Alliance	1480.0	+20.0	.2
Elco 1	676.0	—30.0	2.0
Elco 2.5 r	223.0	n.c.	18.1
Elco 2.5 b	227.0	n.c.	18.1
Elco opt. "A"	94.5	—.5	32.6
Elco 20% deb. 1	80.0	—1.0	62.0
Electra 1	560.0	n.c.	7.6
Electra 5	367.0	—2.0	39.4
Electra opt. 2	345.0	n.c.	52.2
Electra 16% deb.	310.0	+2.0	14.8
Electra 18% deb. 2	171.0	—4.0	69.2
Elron 1	577.0	—22.0	11.0
Elron 2	469.0	n.c.	5.0
Elron opt. "A"	150.0	n.c.	21.6
Argaman pref. r	352.5	+11.0	7.0
Argaman pref. b	342.0	n.c.	10.0
Argaman r	344.0	+7.0	13.8
Argaman b	345.0	+7.0	27.0
Ata "B"	192.0	+3.0	11.5
Ata "C"	124.0	n.c.	236.5
Ata opt. "A"	60.0	+1.0	174.5
Ata opt. 3	77.5	—2.5	140.8
Ata 20% deb. 2	80.5	—1.0	49.6
Dubek r	325.0	—5.0	18.0
Dubek b	323.0	+12.0	16.0
Fertilizers	232.0	+2.0	69.9
Cables r	163.0	+1.0	20.0
Cables b	163.0	+2.0	20.0
Haifa Chem.	156.0	+1.0	66.0
Haifa Chem. opt. 2	95.0	n.c.	108.9
Haifa Chem. 20% deb. 1	85.0	+2.0	136.7
Teva r	555.0	—10.0	45.3
Teva b	573.0	—22.0	1.5
Teva opt.	264.0	—7.0	39.5
Teva debt.	89.5	+1.0	84.2
Lodzia 1	645.0	n.c.	.5
Lodzia 4	355.0	+5.0	5.0
Molett	263.0	+3.0	94.5
Moller	644.0	+14.0	25.0
Phoenicia 1	299.0	—15.0	2.7
Dead Sea	496.0	+5.0	56.1
Am-Isr. Paper	879.0	+42.0	61.5
Am-Isr. opt. "A"	376.0	+22.0	619.4
Am-Isr. 20% deb. 1	272.0	+11.0	464.8
Assis	406.0	n.c.	28.0
Assis 50% div. 78	397.0	—3.0	36.0
Assis 20% deb. 1	178.5	—1.0	1.0
Petrochem.	111.0	—6.0	45.0
Petrochem. opt. "A"	76.0	+.5	30.2
Petrochem. 20% deb. 1	75.5	n.c.	17.0
Nechushtan r	1270.0	n.c.	3.0
Nechushtan b	1280.0	n.c.	.5
Elite	845.0	+6.0	16.1
Elite opt. 5	128.0	+2.0	9.5
Elite 20% conv. sub. 2	100.0	+1.0	41.0
Arad	325.0	n.c.	4.0
Polgat	596.0	—6.0	84.7
Polygon	146.5	—2.0	61.5
Rim 1	452.0	—10.0	.9
Rim 4	339.0	n.c.	28.0
Shemen b	375.0	n.c.	13.4
Taal r	379.0	—12.0	8.0
Taal b	383.0	+3.0	13.5
Frutarom	102.5	—3.0	407.5
Investment & Holding Companies			
Elgar r	577.0	—18.0	2.0
Elgar b	577.0	—	—
Ellern r	610.0	+5.0	1.5
Ellern b	610.0	+5.0	7.5
Amissar	291.0	—15.0	s.o.
Amissar opt.	256.0	—13.0	68.6
Central Trade	1055.0	+5.0	—
Inv. of Paz r	252.0	n.c.	44.7
Inv. of Paz b	253.0	n.c.	27.9
Wolfson 1	665.0	+24.0	4.0
Wolfson 10 r	312.0	+12.0	20.0
Wolfson 10 b	299.0	+12.0	156.4
Ampa	225.5	+6.5	28.1
Disc. Inv. r	300.0	n.c.	158.3
Disc. Inv. b	302.0	n.c.	60.1
Disc. Inv. opt. "A"	369.0	+4.0	16.0
Disc. Inv. opt. "B"	139.0	n.c.	53.9
Disc. Inv. 10% deb. 59	275.0	—2.0	1.7
Disc. Inv. 10% deb. 72	203.0	+1.0	25.0
Disc. Inv. 18% deb. 130	107.5	n.c.	134.0
Disc. Inv. 18% deb. 135	453.0	n.c.	11.6
Hap'im Inv. r	455.0	+1.0	4.2
Hap'im Inv. b	440.0	+1.0	11.0
Hap'im Inv. 1/3 div. 78	289.0	+3.0	46.0
Hap'im Inv. opt. 1	359.0	+2.0	—
Hap'im Inv. 10% deb 1	290.0	n.c.	161.3
Leumi Inv.	320.5	—15.0	7.6
Jordan Explo.	1200.0	—	—
Jordan Explo. opt.	195.0	—4.0	7.6
Jordan Explo. opt 2	129.5	n.c.	55.9
Jordan Explo. opt. 3	430.0	n.c.	18.5
Mizrahi Inv. r	430.0	n.c.	27.0
Mizrahi Inv. b	249.0	—	—
Mizrahi 18% deb. 48	449.0	+6.0	66.6
Hassuta	350.0	+2.0	128.6
Hassuta opt. "A"	158.0	+4.0	272.7
Hassuta 20% deb. 1	740.0	n.c.	6.1
Export Inv. r	734.0	n.c.	8.5
Export Inv. b	902.0	n.c.	8.6
Koor Ind.	187.0	+3.0	559.3
Clal Rl. Est.	269.0	+7.0	187.8
Clal Rl. Est. opt. "A"	101.0	+20.0	948.6
Clal Rl. Est. 20% deb	167.5	+1.0	50.7
Clal	517	+20.0	166.4
Clal Ind.	435.0	n.c.	263.1
Clal Ind. s.c. opt.	370.0	n.c.	41.4
Clal Ind. opt. cert.	469.0	—10.0	72.2
Clal Ind. 10% deb. 4	—	—	—
Clal Ind. 20% deb. 5	313.0	n.c.	124.2
Landeco	181.5	—5.0	171.3
Oz Inv.	146.0	—1.0	26.6
Oz Inv. 10% deb.	127.0	—	—
Pama Inv.	311.0	+11.5	30.0
Piryon Inv.	254.5	n.c.	91.1
Piryon Inv. opt. 2	113.0	n.c.	151.4
Shares Traded in Foreign Currency			
Adanim	550.0	—	—
Agricultural pref. "C"	420.0	—	—
Ind. Dev. pref. "B"	1247.0	—	—
Ind. Dev. pref. "C"	942.0	—25.0	—
Ind. Dev. "CC"	569.0	+9.0	3.0
Ind. Dev. "CC1"	560.0	n.c.	70.4
Ind. Dev. "D"	534.0	—	—
Gazit	117.0	—	—
Tourist Ind.	442.0	—	—
Unico "A" r	241.0	+5.0	7.6
Unico "A" b	240.0	—11.0	3.0
Fuel			
Naphtha	462.0	—18.0	4.7
Lapidot r	640.0	n.c.	2.5
Lapidot b	1340.0	n.c.	1.0

Most active shares

Leumi	303	3115.7	+2
Mizrahi (r)	230	1133	+1
Clal Rl. Est.	187	599.3	+3
Volumes	13.5.79		10.5.79
Shares traded:	IL56.8m.		IL41.5m.
Convertibles:	IL7.0m.		IL6.2m.
Bonds:	IL37.8m.		IL48.9m.

Abbreviations:

s.o. — sellers only		n.c. — no change	
b.o. — buyers only		r — registered	
d — without dividend		b — bearer	
c — without coupon		pref. — preferred	
— without bonus		opt. — option	
z — without rights		conv. — convertible	
s.c. — subordinated capital notes			

These stock prices are unofficial.

Representative bond prices

	Price	Change
4% Gov't development		
Group 1. Yield: —1.28		
3001	695.4	—2.3
3010	647.5	—2.3
Group 3. Yield: —1.29		
3013	557.0	—1.8
3020	488.2	—1.7
Group 5. Yield: —1.33		
3027	476.8	—12.0
3032	424.6	—11.3
4002 (R)	643.0	n.c.
Group 22. Yield: +0.80		
3101	346.5	+2.6
3108	295.5	+2.3
Group 24. Yield: +1.00		
3110	287.9	—0.5
3115	272.6	—0.5
4% Gov't (80% C-o-L)		
Group 42. Yield: +2.68		
3201	213.1	+0.8
3206	201.9	+0.8
Group 44. Yield: +2.66		
3210	197.5	n.c.
3213	188.0	n.c.
6% Gov't (80% C-o-L)		
Group 52. Yield: +2.88		
3501	190.3	+1.1
3504	169.0	+1.0
7% Gov't (80% C-o-L)		
Group 62. Yield: +2.95		
3522	164.0	n.c.
3526	153.1	n.c.
Group 64. Yield: +3.25		
3528	149.8	n.c.
3533	142.1	n.c.
Group 66. Yield: +3.46		
3534	133.4	n.c.
3541	122.7	n.c.
6.5% Defence loan		
Group 1. Yield: —4.10		
75 (Ayin Heh)	816.0	—0.3
80 (Peh)	805.3	—0.3
Group 3. Yield: —4.05		
81 (Peh Aleph)	793.2	—0.3
90 (Tzadi)	749.0	—0.3
202 (Resh Bet)	n.c.	n.c.
51 (Nun Aleph)	927.0	—1.0
70 (Ayin)	849.0	n.c.
Gov't double-option linked		
2001	155.0	+0.3
2011	136.4	—1.0
2021	130.1	—0.2
Defence loan 69		
9 (Tet)	635.0	+2.0
44 (Mem Dalet)	503.5	—6.5
Bonds 100% linked to foreign currency		
6% Isr. Electric Corp. "B"	730.0	+5.0
5% Dead Sea Works	1944.0	n.c.
5.5% Gov't 6026	115.0	n.c.
Bonds 79% linked to foreign currency		
6003	146.5	n.c.
Dollar denominated bonds		
7% Unico	98.8	n.c.
7% Gen'l Mtg. 43	97.4	n.c.
Hollis 15	99.0	n.c.
Hollis 20	98.0	+1.0
Hollis 25	90.3	n.c.
6.5% Wolfson	78.0	n.c.
7% Tefahot 10	98.5	n.c.
7% Clal Investment 2	98.4	—0.4
S. Fr. denominated bonds		
6% Bank Yaad 38	110.0	+3.0
5.5% Mimunim 5	107.8	+0.6
5% Meniv 8	106.2	+0.2

(The yield reflects the difference between the "theoretical" value of bonds — based on the date of issue and current C-o-L indexes plus accumulated interest — and the actual market price. It is based on the assumption that future C-o-L index increases will be zero. A negative yield indicates bonds sold at a premium, a positive figure bonds sold at a discount)
(These prices are unofficial)

New York Stock Exchange

Closing prices - May 11

Dow Jones Industrial Average: 830.56
Volume: 24,010,000

Stock	Closing price	Change
Allied Chemical	33⅜	+⅜
ASA	25⅝	—¾
Amer. Isr. Paper Mills	3½	—⅛
Avco	19⅞	n.c.
Boeing	39¼	+¼
Burroughs	68	+1½
Braniff	11½	—⅛
Bell & Howell	17	+⅜
Bally	64⅝	+2
Bausch & Lomb	39	+¼
Control Data	34	+¼
Curtis Wright	14½	—½
Dow Chemical	25¼	—⅛
Eastman Kodak	60⅜	+⅜
Etz Lavud	—	—
Ford	43	+⅛
Fairchild Camera	53½	+¼
General Dynamics	29	—⅛
Gulf & Western	14½	+⅛
Holiday Inns	17¼	n.c.
Houston Oil	17⅝	n.c.
Honeywell Inc	65⅝	+½
Hilton	27⅜	n.c.
IBM	308⅝	+1½
Lockheed	20⅜	+¼
Litton	24¼	—¼
LTV	8½	n.c.
McDonnell Douglas	28½	—⅜
Merrill Lynch	17½	—⅛
MGM	20½	+⅜
Motorola	42	+⅛
NCR	69	+¼
Natomas	41	+⅜
National Semiconductor	20⅝	n.c.
Occidental Petroleum	18⅞	n.c.
Penn Central	20⅝	—⅜
Pan American	5⅞	n.c.
Polaroid	32⅞	+⅝
RCA	24⅝	+¼
Revlon	45	+¼
Raytheon	45½	—¼
Sears	19	—⅛
Sperry Rand	46	+⅜
Syntex	33⅛	+⅜
American Tel & Tel	58¼	+⅛
Telex	4⅝	—⅛
Teledyne	115	+1
Tyco Lab.	17⅛	—⅜
United Airlines	23⅞	+¼
United Carbide	36½	+⅛
UV Ind.	21	+⅛
Western Union	17	n.c.
Westinghouse	18⅞	+¼
U.S. Steel	22¾	+¼
Xerox	57¼	+⅛
Zenith	13⅜	—⅛
Exxon	50⅝	—⅛

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Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates — May 11

Currency	Rate
U.S. dollars	23.3250
Sterling	47.7324
DM	12.2531
French Fr.	5.3093
Dutch Fl.	11.2717
Swiss Fr.	13.5689
Swedish Kr.	5.3035
Nor. Kr.	4.5052
Danish Kr.	—
Finn. M	5.8030
Can. dollar	20.1073
Aust. Dollar	25.8616
Rand	27.5527
Bel. Fr. (10)	7.6702
Aust. Sch. (10)	16.6905
It. Lire (1,000)	27.5035
Yen (100)	10.3224
Dinars	75.81
Lebanon Lira	7.23

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Friday's foreign exchange rates against the Israel pound, for U.S. dollar transactions under $3000, and transactions in other currencies under the equivalent of $500.

	Selling	Buying
U.S.$	23.4900	23.3300
DM	12.3696	12.2554
Swiss Fr.	13.6849	13.5718
Sterling	48.0922	47.7546
French Fr.	5.3447	5.3035
Dutch Fl.	11.3606	11.2733
Austrian Sch.	1.6814	1.6699
Swedish Kr.	5.3407	5.3043
Danish Kr.	4.3909	4.3609
Norwegian Kr.	4.5389	4.5060
Finnish M.	5.8440	5.8042
Canadian $	20.2472	20.1093
Rand	27.7534	27.5644
Australian $	26.0622	25.8846
Belgian Fr. (10)	7.7213	7.6687
Yen (100)	10.3056	10.2322
Italian Lire (1000)	27.6956	27.5069

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U.S.$	2.0471/76	per £
Swiss Fr.	1.7185/95	per $
Belgian Fr.	30.4150/4300	per $
Swedish Kr.	4.3975/90	per $
French Fr.	4.3940/60	per $
Danish Kr.	5.3490/3505	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.0690/00	per $
DM	1.8985/95	per $
Italian Lire	846.05/25	per $
Norwegian Kr.	5.1770/80	per $
Yen	215.30/45	per $

Gold Price: $231.00/30

FORWARD RATES:

	1 mon.	3 mon.	6 mon.
£ $	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
DM $	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sw Fr $	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Idled research centre may reopen

By YAACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Technion and the Industry Ministry will jointly consider the reopening of the ministry's Industrial Research Centre on the campus. The eight-storey centre, built more than ten years ago, has been empty for nearly two years, after the ministry closed it as ineffective, and dismissed the 100-man staff.

The Technion, which is short of space, has been pressing for its reopening and had offered to buy the building, valued at IL 15m. along with its expensive research equipment.

Prof. Zeki Berk, vice president for research, told *The Post* recently that the Technion insists that the centre engage in industrial research in future too. This was the condition laid down by the donor, Anatol Josephon, a Technion friend in the U.S., who contributed the funds for the building.

The Industry Ministry's Chief Scientist had planned to reopen the centre on a smaller scale, at the beginning of the current fiscal year, but the plan fell through.

German parachutists to jump here

Post Travel Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel is gaining popularity as a destination for a new style of tourism. The latest is a group of parachute jumpers coming from all parts of West Germany, which arrived last night on a Maof Tour Services charter, using a German Hapag Lloyd aircraft.

The group, which includes one woman jumper and two journalists, are the trail-blazers for their clubs, whose members will visit Israel later this year.

After making jumps at Mahanayim airfield, near Rosh Pinna, at Masada, and at Ashkelon, the group will visit an army parachute training school. Between jumps, they will tour the country.

On their arrival at the Kfar Hamaccabia Holiday Village, where they will be based, the visitors were welcomed by Israeli jumpers. They will fly to their jump zones in small air taxis taking off from Sde Dov airfield.

Fuel shortage cramps Olympic Airlines

ATHENS (UPI). — Olympic Airways is cutting four to six flights a month to New York because Mobil Oil has reduced its fuel supplies by 15 per cent.

Olympic said it has been told by Mobil Oil it can provide only 870,000 gallons of jet fuel this year, against 1.03m. gallons last year because of the U.S. energy crisis.

Greek newspapers combined the news of Olympic's fuel economy with the announced intention of Panamerican to establish a New York-Athens service and accused the U.S. of boycotting the Greek national carrier.

"Americans boycott Olympic. They do not give it fuel to fly," said one Athens daily.

ADVERTISING. — At the first meeting of the Advertisers Association's new board of directors recently, J. Reemy, general director of Champion Motors, was elected chairman. His deputy is Yoram Afek (Hasaneh) and association treasurer is Raphael Wilmersdorf (Osem). T.V. and radio will be in the hands of Amiram Zur (Azorim — Clal). *Organization will be handled by* Gideon Kotler (Stock), while ethics and public relations will be the responsibility of Dan Ben Joseph (Eliaz Winecellars).

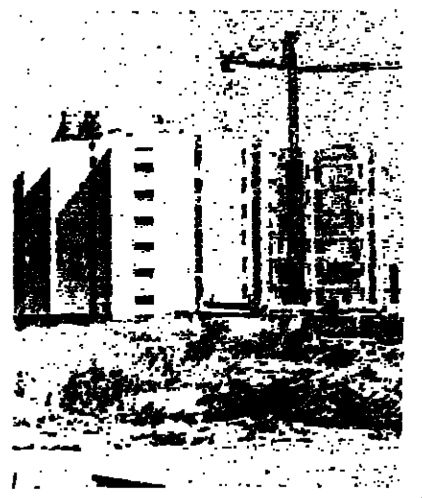
Anonymous business woman gave $2m. for old folks home

HAIFA. — A new home for elderly new immigrants, named for Colordo Bengiat, was dedicated in Kiryat Motzkin recently. The modern eight-floor building consists of 120 dwelling units and costs over $2m.

The money came from the bequest of an elderly woman abroad who wished to remain anonymous. She *was a Jewish business woman* who made a fortune in the oil business and was remote from Jewish life and from Israel.

After the Yom Kippur War she had a change of heart, visited here and became involved, donating several million dollars for various building projects.

The Kiryat Motzkin home is the first of its kind in the north. It's built under the auspices of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod, which recently dedicated a similar home for the aged in Beersheba.



The home under construction

CLIMBERS. — Two members of a Yugoslav expedition reached the summit of Mount Everest yesterday, the first Yugoslavs to climb the world's highest mountain, Nepal's ministry of tourism reported.

U.S. predicts smaller role for dollar

WASHINGTON (AP). — Anthony Solomon, U.S. undersecretary of the treasury for monetary affairs, predicted on Friday that the role of the dollar will gradually decline in the world.

He said the U.S. does not wish to perpetuate a particular role for the dollar.

"The dollar's present role is itself the product of an evolutionary process — a process that will continue, and that may bring a reduction in the dollar's relative role in the future," he said.

The size of the U.S. economy has declined, compared with the rest of the world, over the past 20 years, he noted. In 1960, the U.S. produced 30 per cent of all the goods and services in the world. In 1978 that was down to 23 per cent.

"I would expect the trend to continue to some extent during the 1980s," Solomon said, "as developing nations continue to grow faster than the world's average, and the spread of technology enables other nations to move closer to the high levels of production and living standards enjoyed by the United States."

More credit has become available in other countries compared with the amount available for lending in the U.S., he added. In 1964 the U.S. market provided about $80b. in new credit, while Japan and West Germany combined provided only about half that much. By 1977 the figures were $400b. for the U.S. and $250b. for Japan and Germany.

Horowitz prize in $

The Bank of Israel, apparently embarrassed by the flood of queries following publication of the advertisement for entries for the Horowitz prize last week in which the prize money was quoted in dollars, has explained that the reason for making the award in U.S. currency is to attract entries to the research contest from abroad. The competition, for the best piece of original economic research on the role of a central bank in the domestic and international economies, was instituted in honour of David Horowitz, founder and first governor of the Bank of Israel.

PURSE SNATCHED. — A 53-year-old woman was robbed of IL4,000 as she walked down Tel Aviv's Rehov Ben-Yehuda on Friday night.

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A matter of confidence

THERE WAS time in the early years of Israel's statehood when the pronouncements of Ministers of Finance on their plans for the country's economy were received with reverential awe; five-year plans were viewed as divine revelations; even the Opposition treated such policy statements on their merits.

Finance Minister Ehrlich's latest five-year plan does not deserve such treatment and will not get it. The plan will not be judged on its merits, for the question in issue is not merit but confidence in Mr. Ehrlich, and in his ability and determination to implement any plan.

As a new Treasury chief two years ago, Mr. Ehrlich received a significant grant of blind confidence — conditionally. It is sad to report that he has overdrawn dangerously on whatever confidence remains in his ability to stay on top of an admittedly difficult economic situation.

Two years ago Mr. Ehrlich, in castigating the Labour Alignment for the 35 per cent annual inflation it had created, promised to reduce this to 15 per cent within two years. Many forgave such rash promises on the part of a neophyte Finance Minister.

But what is one to make of a Treasury headed by the same Mr. Ehrlich which a few short months ago tabled an annual budget based on an inflation rate of less than 40 per cent and now concedes 60 per cent as a minimum and warns of 80 per cent and more? And this even before a stitch of work has begun on the inflation-inducing army redeployment in the Negev.

The sine qua non for success in any attempted fight to keep inflation down and in beginning to roll it back is public confidence in the fighters.

The problem is all the more difficult and the need for confidence all the more urgent because in many cases the fight against inflation must express itself in actions against that very public, which in significant aspects of its economic behaviour is, together with government overspending, its main cause.

One of the reasons a partially-planned inflation has spiralled out of control is that nearly all Israelis have manoeuvred to protect themselves against its ravages, totally. Or so they believe.

Wages and other personal incomes are linked; prices are uncontrolled; most savings are guaranteed. Most, if not all Israelis, if one is to believe the national statistics, have managed to stay ahead of the game, even at 50 per cent inflation.

It is the national economy and the future of these selfsame Israelis, and their children and grandchildren, who will pay for our present agility in outsmarting ourselves. Bringing down inflation requires a determination to unravel this skein of protection which feeds upon itself.

Such a policy will require a large degree of public cooperation in giving up such over-protection. And such cooperation will only be forthcoming from that part of the population that is prone to cooperate only if there is total confidence that the government will make sure that sacrifices are demanded and elicited all across the board.

Perhaps the best place for Mr. Ehrlich to begin is by clamping down on that part of the population that has consistently opted out of the National economic effort and whose black economy provides a significant part of the inflationary fuel. It is a difficult task that the Ehrlich-Flomin Treasury has shirked for two years, with the exception of transparent public relations gimmicks.

But the only way to regain the public confidence that has been frittered away is by convincing it that the Treasury is willing and able to take on the difficult tasks it knows must be tackled.

Russian illusions

NOBODY REALLY THOUGHT that the Russians' release of the seven "Prisoners of Zion" who arrived in Israel just before Independence Day signalled improvement in Soviet-Israel relations or in the Soviets' attitude to the Jews. It was hardly a secret that it was all a gesture to help U.S. President Jimmy Carter to sell the SALT II agreements to the Congress and speed approval of most favoured nation status for the Soviet Union.

Nevertheless, it was usefull for Israelis to hear the explicit denial of any such noble intentions made by Alexander Bovin, political correspondent and commentator of the official Soviet newspaper, "Izvestia," and of Soviet television. Bovin, who also serves on one of the bodies of the Supreme Soviet, is heading a four-member delegation that arrived in Israel over the weekend to participate in the celebrations, organized by the Israel-Soviet Friendship Society, marking the 34th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany.

Neither did Bovin tell us anything new when he expressed disapproval of the Egypt-Israel peace treaty and said that peace — and friendlier Soviet-Israel relations — would come only when there was a "true, general peace settlement," a "just peace," one that would "also satisfy the demands of the Palestinians."

One can understand the Soviets' desire to regain the key position they seemed to be occupying in Middle Eastern politics before Presidents Carter and Sadat and Prime Minister Begin suddenly snatched the whole thing out of Geneva and pulled it to Jerusalem and Cairo, Ismailiya and Washington.

Right now, furthermore, Russia's clients and potential clients among the Arab rejectionists are worrying aloud that SALT II may lead to further Soviet concessions to the U.S. by means of certain ostensibly pro-Israel gestures, including reduced political and military support for the anti-Israel front. This, and the Khomeinist anti-Communist campaign in Iran, which, if it continues, may have grave repercussions among the Soviet Union's large Moslem population, are certainly cause for worry.

None of it, however, has anything to do with the "justice" that Soviet spokesmen like to harp on. More relevant, perhaps, are the words of an editorial in "Pravda," the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, on September 2, 1964, concerning the Soviet Union's attitude to its own post-World War border needs:

"A people that has been attacked, has defended itself, and wins the war is bound in sacred duty to establish in perpetuity a political situation that will ensure the liquidation of the sources of aggression. It is entitled to maintain this state of affairs as long as the danger of aggression does not cease. A nation that has attained security at the cost of numerous victims will never agree to the restoration of previous borders. No territories are to be returned as long as the danger of aggression prevails."

Which of Israel's neighbours besides Egypt has, at least formally, foresworn aggression?

Counterproductive meddling

U.S. involvement in the Middle East peace process is too extensive and costly in relation to real American interests, argues oil expert S. FRED SINGER.

BERT LANCE, President Carter's close friend from Georgia and former Director of the Budget, used to say: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

That kind of advice seems no longer available to the White House, where hyperactivity has become the preferred mode of operation, especially in foreign affairs. The consequences are often counterproductive, and invariably costly to the U.S. taxpayer.

The justification for increased American involvement around the world is usually expressed in clichés: terms such as "powderkeg" and "tinder box" are quite popular. Where specific American interests cannot be easily defined, as for example in Rhodesia, possible intervention by Russia or by Cuba is commonly invoked.

In the case of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the additional arguments for the urgency of U.S. involvement have to do with the security of oil supply and with keeping oil prices moderate. These arguments don't stand up to analysis, however. They appear to be based on the observation that oil prices quadrupled and that there were gasoline shortages in the U.S. following the October 1973 war, and on the implicit assumption that there must be a causal connection. More sloppy reasoning leads many policy-makers to extrapolate that another conflict would again lead to a jump in prices and cause supply difficulties.

Without repeating the details of exhaustive historical and economic analyses, suffice it to say here that oil prices were moving towards the ultimate four-fold level even before 1973, and that the "shortages" of gasoline were peculiar to the U.S. They had to do with a complex system of price controls and administrative allocations of gasoline by bureaucrats, which managed to defeat the automatic allocations by market forces through price differentials.

These analyses are by now widely accepted, although not very much publicized. Nevertheless, the belief persists in the highest circles — and not only in the U.S. — that world oil supplies depend on Middle East peace, and, conversely, that settlement of Arab-Israeli differences would assure steady supplies at moderate prices.

This wishful thinking, a piece of extraordinary self-deception, apparently lay at the base of Jimmy Carter's heroic effort to achieve an agreement between Egypt and Israel. For let it be stated clearly, Saudi Arabia has never made any such claims, nor indeed made any untrue statements about the oil situation. It has used every opportunity for propaganda, but never acted at the expense of maximizing its long-run profits.

AND HEROIC indeed have been America's efforts, measured both in days and weeks of Mr. Carter's precious time, and in many billions of taxpayers' dollars.

The U.S. will have the dubious privilege of shoring up the Egyptian economy, especially if Saudia Arabia uses the peace treaty as a convenient excuse to stop its financial support.

And the U.S. will rebuild Israel's air bases in the desert, just a few miles to the east of their present location: a horrendous waste of billions, simply to indulge Mr. Sadat's demand (and Mr. Begin's offer) of 100 per cent of "sacred Arab soil" rather than 98 per cent.

Let it be recorded that under the Ottoman occupation the eastern Sinai was never part of Egypt, and that even as late as 1919 Britain considered annexation of all of the Sinai.

One can speculate that Sadat would have signed an agreement with Begin in Ismailiya in February, 1978, but that the hope of American involvement gave him the prospect of better terms. Then again, without U.S. pressure and financial inducements, there might not have been a peace treaty. We won't know. But even without a treaty there would have been a *de facto* peace, or at least an absence of belligerence. And even now, a real peace cannot be guaranteed, even if Sadat's rule continues for many years.

In the meantime, U.S. involvement has caused problems for Saudi rulers who are very nervous and are playing it safe by going along with the radical Arab states who oppose the treaty. This will not affect Saudi oil policy, although it is making the U.S. nervous and more anxious to escalate its involvement in the next steps of Middle East peace — meaning of course increased pressure on Israel to please the Saudis.

All of this won't help one bit, thanks to the well-known perverseness of Middle East politics. According to the "lightning rod" theory, the Israel conflict deflects the attentions of pan-Arab nationalists and Marxists from Saudi Arabia, and also affords the Saudis, the greatest amount of leverage. Probably the worst disaster for the Arabian conservative regimes would be the disappearance of Israel. The next worst would be an Arab-Israeli peace that allows all of the radical energies and arms to be focused on Arabia.

THE CHOICE of scenarios is wide indeed. The Arabs of Khuzestan on the Persina Gulf might revolt and remove their oil-rich province from Iran, perhaps with Iraqi help. Conversely, the Kurds of Iraq could revolt (with Iran's help) and remove their oil-rich region of Mosul from Iraq.

Or the Shi'ites of Iraq could revolt against their al-Takriti overlords, causing the whole region to end up under greater Soviet control. Or perhaps lesser Soviet control, but certainly not friendlier to the West.

In the resulting turmoil the Iraqis may find it convenient to establish their "historic rights" in Kuwait.

In Lebanon the ancient Christian community may try to exercise its right to self-determination, hoping to escape the mauling of the PLO and of the Syrian "protectors."

On the other hand, a military or even political setback to Syria may lead to the overthrow of the Alawi ruling clique, probably by violence.

The PLO, frustrated in Lebanon or by Israel, may find its outlet by converting the Jordanian kingdom (with a majority Palestinian population) into a radical Palestinian state.

All or any of these developments should cause great concern to Saudi Arabia, or to Western oil consumers. So obviously should events in Yemen and Oman, or upheavals in any of the Arabian sheikhdoms.

Of special concern should be continuing stability in Egypt, the most populous of the neighbouring states. This stability depends on continued moderate leadership and on massive financial support to improve the economic situation. Otherwise there may result an extreme Islamic state rivalling the Saudi leadership in the Arab world, or equally likely, a return to Moscow.

With prospects like these in the offing, it is futile to hope that "fixing" any single problem can for long still the fundamental disruptive forces of the Middle East: unbelievable wealth next to abject poverty, radical Marxists adjacent to feudal monarchies, and all this overlain by a religious fanaticism quite unknown in the West, with splits and divisions, even within Islam, that defy analysis.

Undue concentration by the U.S. on a single goal, even the worthy one of an overall and comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace, may drain its executive and financial resources away from other, less publicized problems; worse still, such hyperactivity may prove counterproductive and exacerbate some of these very problems.

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Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

PRE-STATE "ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — After reading Moshe Kohn's favourable review (your issue of April 30), I bought the Defence Ministry publication, *Haha'apala*, about the pre-State "illegal immigration." The booklet is nice, but it leaves out many facts of which I am aware, as one of the nearly 200 American Jewish volunteers who sailed the "illegal" ships with the *ma'apilim* in 1945-1948.

The author, Mordechai Naor, presents a very interesting map on pp. 136-137, which supposedly shows the routes of the ships. He leaves out the fact that a dozen ships sailed from the U.S. to Europe, making it appear as though it all began in Europe.

He forgets to mention the presence of American Jewish and some non-Jewish volunteers, not necessarily Zionists, among the crews of the ships, though he does say condescendingly that the Exodus was repaired in Baltimore. In fact, more than 40 per cent of the "illegal immigrants" who arrived in Eretz Yisrael between the end of World War II and the establishment of the State came on these ships, which, moreover, were bought by Americans with American Jewish money.

The Hagana, the Palyam and the Palmah did a wonderful job, but there were many others who also did a great job, and it is time that they received their due mention.

By the way, Meyer Levin's film, "The Illegals," which Moshe Kohn mentions in his review, is available, with an English or a Hebrew sound track and with a discussion leader in either language, for showing before any kind of group. Those interested can write to me at P.O.B. 3084, Tel Aviv, or telephone 03-232221 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

MURRAY S. GREENFIELD

Tel Aviv.

Moshe Kohn comments:

Within its limited space, *Haha'apala* no doubt omits hundreds if not thousands of details of the sort Mr. Greenfield mentions. I clearly stated in my review that it "only sketches the saga in its broadest outlines," and referred those interested in more details to the selected bibliography of 30 books that it contains.

The map on pp.136-7 shows only the routes the ships followed from the points where they picked up the *ma'apilim*, and not the routes they followed to those points from the places where they were purchased.

About the refurbishing of the Exodus, the author writes on p.98, not "condescendingly" but matter-of-factly, that "most of the work was done by American Jewish lads."

As for all the individuals and groups active in bringing "illegals" here: the book dwells only on the Eretz Yisrael-based organizations under whose direction or in cooperation with whom they all worked. In fact, the book even mentions one that Mr. Greenfield omits for some reason: the Revisionist movement and its operational arm, the Irgun Zva'i Le'umi (Etzel).

However, Mr. Greenfield is right in indicating that the full saga of American Jewry's contribution — in manpower, money and materiel — to the whole struggle of the Yishuv in the pre-State years and in the War of Liberation has never been properly told to the Israeli public.

BRITISH SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Hyam Corney's assertion in his contribution to your issue of May 6 that "it has traditionally been the close affinity between the British Labour Party and their Israeli counterparts which has been at the basis of Anglo-Israeli friendship" calls for comment.

Of course, political parties, when in power, seldom carry out the promises they had found it easier to make in opposition.

Following the encouraging cooperation of such statesmen as Balfour, Lloyd-George, Churchill and Amery, the 1929 Labour administration produced the hostile Passfield White Paper, obstruction and rudeness to Dr. Weizmann, with Colonial Secretary Passfield, the former Sidney Webb, and his wife Beatrice strongly anti-Zionist. This in spite of the fact that almost all the early Zionist leaders were themselves confirmed socialists.

Undoubtably, some Labour leaders were sympathetic to the ideal of a Jewish or Israeli state — Dalton, Morrison, Bevan, Wilson, Callaghan and several trade union personalities. However, on the next occasion a Labour government was in power, after World War II, as revealed in cabinet papers now published, Attlee, as well as Bevin, was less than enthusiastic. Crossman refers to this in his diaries and elaborates on their attitude in "Mission to Palestine." Crossman himself was, indeed, debarred from office because of his opposition to Bevin's policy, for many years till Wilson became Prime minister.

Time will tell if the more independent Mrs. Thatcher, in developing her Middle East policy, will be less subservient to the Arab oil sanctions.

BERNARD MUSHIN

Netanya (London).

CIVIL SERVICE STRIKES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wonder what would happen if we, the law-abiding and tax-paying citizens, would go on strike against the government employees who are paid by us.

Many of us earn less, work harder under worse conditions and without the benefit of the social privileges they enjoy.

Every one of us has had encounters with these so-called civil servants who treat us rather "uncivilly." How can we sympathise with them? How long will the government give in to their claims instead of holding them responsible for the damage they inflict on the economy?

L. KATZ

Tel Aviv.

PEACE WITH SYRIA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In my opinion, the Foreign Minister's declaration about the Golan was timely and he deserves congratulations and not criticism.

Israelis should have no illusions. The peace agreement with Egypt will serve as a model for eventual peace agreements on other fronts. Just as the peace treaty with Egypt would not have been signed if we had not given up all Sinai and removed our settlements, so we will not have peace with Syria without giving up the Golan Heights and removing our settlements there. Just as the peace agreement with Egypt stipulates that Sinai will be demilitarized to ensure Israel's security, so will the eventual peace agreement with Syria stipulate the demilitarization of the Golan to ensure the security of Israel, especially that of the Huleh Valley residents. And just as the peace treaty with Egypt guarantees Israel's right to free passage in the Tiran Straits and the Suez Canal, so will the peace treaty with Syria guarantee the continued flow of water from the sources of the Jordan to Israel, without fear of diversion.

According to these guidelines, peace with Syria will be a positive element in the overall peace structure between Israel and all her neighbours, and the Foreign Minister must be congratulated for his courage in showing the Israeli people what road to follow to achieve this peace.

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Tel Aviv.

PLANS FOR ABSORPTION AUTHORITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your article, "Stiff opposition in cabinet to Begin plans for new absorption authority" (May 7), you write that "the Russian and Latin-American Immigrants Associations yesterday sent telegrams to Begin opposing his proposal, calling for a state authority rather than one controlled by the Jewish Agency."

We wish to point out that nobody in our Association was authorized to do such a thing in our name. We absolutely deny this report, which was made in an unauthorized way by a person who did not have the authority to make such a statement and/or any other.

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Oscar Fischler, the Deputy Chairman of the Latin-American Immigrants' Association, sent the telegram to Begin opposing his plan, but was speaking only for himself, not on behalf of the Association. — *Ed. J.P.*

THE DEATH PENALTY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I support the introduction and implementation of the death penalty in Israel against terrorists who are captured during or after such actions which lead to the death of Israeli citizens — such as happened in Nahariya. This process must be aimed at justice, not vengeance, and proper and due law must be seen to be done.

On the moral issue, might I suggest you examine the two situations for their relative morality: legally trying the actual members of a terror raid (when caught) for their personal deed, with a possible death penalty as punishment, and that of our present 'answer' which is attacking Palestinian bases by air, sea, or artillery-barrage, all of which are long-range activities, and in which — however efficient we may presume ourselves to be — many Arab civilians are killed. It seems closer to the moral point to face the actual terrorists with the consequence of their chosen behaviour, and more in accord with Jewish ethic: justice, not vengeance. Executing terrorist murderers after open trial is just, killing civilians at long-range (accidentally even) is vengeance. Which is preferable?

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Sir, — I do not believe that imposing the death sentence will cause a decrease in the number of terrorist attacks. If anything, I believe just the opposite. A person who dies for a cause (just or not) is regarded by others in the same school as a martyr, and they are sure to avenge his death.

Besides, who are we, no matter what the circumstances, to take away God's most precious gift to earth — life?

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